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## a word from ADAM

**AS** FAMED human-problem specialist Hannah Lees has more than once pointed out, sex is not in itself a reverent thing, let the bluecross say what they will. It can be funny, it can be fun, it can be exciting, it can be dangerous, it can be tragic, it can be beautiful. But never, never reverent. It's simply too human for that.

In dealing with the all-important human equation, ADAM, as usual, seeks to present its every conceivable aspect. Funny?—try Ronald Sturgeon's "Sex in Space". Fun?—you'll get a shuckle out of Earle Schell's "The Happiest Loon". Exciting?—take George H. Smith's "The Coming of the Rats". Dangerous or tragic?—you can take your pick of Clem Huxton's "The Bird and the Snake" or Connie Sellers' "Save Me Your Boots". As for beauty, well, the girls are there in all their loveliness. And if you want a vacation from the subject entirely, you'll find fascination in Nat McKelvey's "Sage of the Loaded Lawyer", an all-ice-loaded story. So, ADAM is loaded for just about everybody.



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Sink felt the bones crush under his hand as he drove the splinters into Johnny's brain



"The evil that men do lives after them—  
the good is oft interred with their bones"

# the Bird and the Snake

by CLEM HANLON



"In ALL POLISH men is two kinds animals," Sophy Sienkiewicz said, "is bird and is snake."

The old woman took another noisy drink of coffee clotted with softened bread which she held in a bowl between her huge hands. She appeared to be satisfied with her statement, appeared to have finished with talk. Her son knew better.

Jerzy Sienkiewicz kept his head low over his plate, his massive skull balanced like a cannon ball on the great boulder of his back. He chewed carefully, cracking the thigh bone of a chicken between his jaws as if it were a wheat straw and he spit out the splinters with a quiet and respectful "ptoo!"

"Is also with women," Sophy added at last. She sighed. At this sound her son looked up because he knew she was coming to the nut of her argument. His small, perfectly round eyes, bedded deep in the hard meat of his face, met the eyes of his mother. When they looked at each other this way, the resemblance between them was so close as to bring with it a stir of self-recognition. That, and love.

"If snake is killing bird, is only left filth and rotten. If bird kill snake, is woman good only for nun, not for man. Must be both together equal."

"Soph," her son said, "what's this got to do with Wanda Markowa?"

The old woman took another drink of her coffee. And when she resumed speaking, the somewhat lofty, mooring tone in her voice had given away to a pleasant gruffness. "Did you bought her a ring?"

"I been looking."

"But you give her something?"

"Not yet."

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She granted "So, when?"

"Sopb, get off my back." He growled. He rarely did this with his mother and she was surprised. Still, as an old country woman when a man growled, she shut her mouth.

They finished dinner in silence, he lighted a cigaret and went to his bedroom. He took a short barrelled .38 police special from his drawer, spun the cylinder and prodded the gun into the holster of his waist band. The gun looked ridiculous, ineffectual against the bulk of his flesh. He had never learned to shoot it well and in fact, only drew it in the presence of other officers on routine arrests. When he was by himself he just used his fists.

Sophy had the table cleared when he came out. She came over to him and pulled the handkerchief into a point at his breast pocket. "Jerzy," she asked, a little hesitant now, "where you got to do tonight? You got to see that Yankowski?"

"No," he lied. "Nothing. Just the routine. I got to book a man down at headquarters—paper work. I'll be back at eight in the morning. Go to sleep."

"Yankowski is a big man now—sooner or later." She faltered and

resumed again. "A rotten man. I sat near him in the church and from four rows away I could smell it rotten like a fish inside. There should be a law to keep him out of the church."

Her son laughed. "All right. I'll see the commissioner. Now go to sleep."

"You don't got to do with Yankowski," she pressed.

"Ma—"

"All right." She kissed him and closed the door.

AS THE MORNIG warmed up, he sat for a moment and looked at the quiet, old street. Old houses with high wooden fronts, an old Polish neighborhood. On Monday night it was quieter than usual. Men, good men, fathers like his dead father, and their sons, some of them with families of their own, lived in these houses. On Saturday night they drank whiskey. On Sunday they tamped off with beer. On Monday night they slept peacefully beside their wives.

Yankowski, he remembered, used to live in one of these houses. Not so long ago, ten years', twelve years'. Before he became "Johnny Yank". Before he got "smart."

Jerzy, or, as they called him on the force, Sink, remembered the day Jani Yankowski left the neighborhood. Sink was still a rookie then.

"You got to wise up, Sink, move, get with it. You got to stop breathing this old-Polack air," Yankowski said. "Don't get me wrong, we're great people, ain't we? The greatest on Earth. The toughest. Nobody can fight like a Polack. But there's a whole world to play in. Get with it, man."

The way Jani had said it, it was like anyone, "there's a whole world for the taking." Sink remembered that now. His frown deepened.

He remembered much earlier when they were kids, the slim, dark-haired Yankowski as a youth, daring, surey, ee-like. He remembered the time Yankowski led him into a cellar where six young boys stood drooping, embarrassed, in the shadows and a slim, blonde woman in her early thirties lay naked on a box spring. She was swearing at the boys. "How long do I got to wait, huh? Come on. You chicken?" Then she stepped when the bulky Sankiewicz came in. "Thank God for a live one," she gasped, and she reached for him.

Shocked, frightened, almost bursting with his young boy's lust, he took her, took her well the way a man would. But when it was over and when he was outside in the sunlight again he felt his vomit rise. He went to reproach Yankowski for the shame he felt the smallness, the sense of loss. He wanted to hate Yankowski but his guilt wouldn't let him and he hated him all the more for that. Yankowski was exultant.

"I know you'd do it kid. How'd you like that, huh? Ain't that something I promoted that I, Jani Yankowski, that's Lena Mackowa, her husband works by the railroad. We got to her one night a couple months ago, four of us. We had a bottle. She was home alone like always. She lets us in because she thought we was just kids. Huh? So afterwards we told her if she tells her husband he'd kill her and it would disgrace his daughter forever. And he would of killed her. So from then on it's easy. Any time, so long he ain't home. Now we got her trained she can't do without it. One night down here there was ten of us. Ten! How d'ya like—?"

Sink swung on him then, round-house. Almost before the young Yankowski hit the ground a knife appeared in his lean fingers. But it stopped there. They looked at each other for a long time and with that

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Alan



"You all know that game where you try to pin the tail on the donkey. Well, this is a slightly new version!"



**beach happy cover girl**



Langue is the word for Terry, as these photos delightfully reveal. According to cameraman Ron Vogel, she's the most relaxed model he ever shot.

**Blonde, green-eyed Terry Higgins is Hollywood's most lackadaisical lady**





**IF FATE** behaves with its usual wilful caprice, then the green-eyed blonde with the sensational face and figure on display in these pages will be the next Monroe-Mansfield-Bardot of the film industry. The reason for such a supposition, apart from the tremendous physical assets here shown, is somewhat less obvious. It lies in the fact that Terry Higgins simply doesn't give a damn.

Most young women intent upon a Hollywood career put in 30 hours a day, nine days a week, fostering, promoting and seeking training for their film futures. But not the curvaceous Higgins lass. Like Ferdinand the Bull, she just likes to act around, though in the sun rather than the shade, and doesn't even care whether or not she has a flower to sniff while sitting.

Says her mother, "Terry is an odd one, make no mistake about that."

Says Terry, "Why should I knock myself out for a lot of things that don't interest me when I already have everything I want at the moment?"

On appearance alone, Terry is already a multi-millionaire as such items are appraised in Hollywood. Just barely of legal age, she stands five feet four inches, weighs 116 between breasts and tapes fabulously at 41-35-34. Her hair is silver-blond, her eyes of a light, light blue-green, her face as provocatively cute as her incredible figure. Her natural coloring must be seen to be believed.

Terry has traveled a great deal more than most girls her age, and has acquired a "so-what" sophistication from her varied background. Her father is a high-ranking command pilot in the Air Force, and Terry, although born, prosaically enough in a small Iowa town, has since lived in England, in Spain, in Germany and in Okinawa, along with somewhat sketchy Swissade stands.

"I was brought up everywhere," she says.

As for the films-TV-modeling career for which her





Indoors or out, what Terry likes most is a place to stretch out and take it easy.

effulgent beauties so eminently fit her, Terry says simply, "Who wants that? It's too much like work."

Getting to interview Terry is, to put it mildly, a problem. Where most Hollywood girls value free publicity almost more than they value their right name, with Terry, it's the other way around. She would probably sacrifice hers merely to avoid the laborious necessity of having to remember things about herself for the writer involved.

However, as the photos reveal, the game is very, very much worth the candle. In fact, Terry Higgins is just about the hottest new model—property to hit the Hollywood scene since June Wilkinson and her 42-inch bosom popped up there 18 or so months ago. Let's face it, the girl is marvelously photogenic, from the bottoms of her size-4 feet to the top of her tawny blonde head.

Since it is this rare genius for photographing provocatively that is the basis of picture stardom, it seems probable that somebody connected with movie production is bound to see and be bowled over by Terry almost any minute. Then, ambition or no, this lackadaisical charmer is going to be appearing in front of the camera for a director and making more money than most working stuffs see in a lifetime.

In keeping with her languid temperament, Terry is no sportswoman. She says, "I like to swim, and when we were in England I did some horseback riding and jumping. But nothing important like riding to hounds or performing in shows. That would have been too much work."

As for show-business, save for a very few posing assignments such as shown on these pages, her experience is zero to date. "I had a chance to be a showgirl in Las Vegas last year," she admits, "but I turned it down. I didn't like the idea of those ghastly late hours. Besides, I don't need the money."

According to her mother, Terry neither smokes nor drinks and, at the moment, has virtually no emotional interest in any man or men. Terry shrugs off this seeming passivity with, "One of these days, I suppose I'll fall in love. Until it happens, however, I'd just rather coast along and take things easy."

With that face and figure, such a state of affairs would seem to border on the criminal. But, as her mother says, "Terry is an odd one."

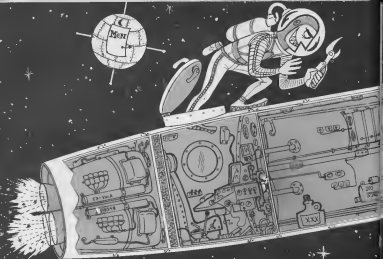
She does little or no reading, and eats like a horse. "I'm omnivorous," she says. "I'll eat anything." She has a pleasant, if untrained contralto voice, and here again, as in food, her tastes are catholic. "I like all kinds of music," she admits.

Says her mother, "If she'd only work at her voice, I've been told she'd be a good singer. But Terry and work just don't mix."

So here she is, the most provocative girl in Hollywood, almost devoid of ambition. It certainly represents a challenge.







**WHEN THE Armed Forces** of the United States Government recently made their preliminary selections for the first humans to be sent into space, they chose seven veteran fliers from all of the Armed Services except the Coast Guard.

However, the omission of the Coast Guard while America and a waiting world stands upon the threshold of space was not the most remarkable element (or missing element) in these vital selections. This magazine has no fault to pick with the character, flight abilities or personal lives of the lucky (?) seven. Our point is, what about dimes?

That business of women and sex in space has long been something of a problem for conscientious science fiction writers. While accustomed to taking the problems of time-travel and interstellar flight in their stride, the instance of actual space flight

has given them pause where putting a head into orbit is concerned. Usually, they solve the problem by making her a stowaway—or by pre-empting the U. S. Government by snatching the girls altogether until the intrepid specimens get to Venus or Mars or Mercury or wherever they are going.

So how come, both in fiction and in fact, the girls are left out of space flight? Well, women have never flown American fighter planes in combat. Somehow, in an era that finds girls working in factories, barber shops, saloons and gunning down, the Air Department of our Armed Services have remained bull-headedly old fashioned when it comes to keeping the little woman in the home, or at the most advanced behind a desk or firing cabinet.

Yet, it is just conceivable that, under some highly possible conditions, the boys up there in orbit, or

flying toward the Moon, or shooting for Mars or Venus, might find themselves in need of feminine companionship. On the other hand, there are reasons for dispensing with females in space, at least for some little time to come.

In the first place, the pioneer spaceships promise to be pretty crowded and restricted affairs—so much so that about all a man and woman could do within them is to exchange and occasional, frustrated, "Air mail." You may recall the circumstances under which two monkeys, far smaller than even the smallest African pygmy, were sent on a preliminary space run last May.

These two tiny creatures were sealed off in separate compartments, a setup which would have made even written sex impossible between them (no would the fact that both of them were females). Then, too, the wee ones had so many test devices at-



When man shoots  
for the stars, he'll want  
one hell of a lot more than rocket fuel

# Sex In Space

by RONALD STURGEON

handed to them, that they could hardly move. The heaviest of the suitkeys, a 17-pounder to begin with, weighed something like 28 pounds with all of her attachments in place. Presumably, pioneer human space-folk will be even more heavily laden.

A somewhat more intimate problem, even when space-ships grow larger and more comfortable, was best expressed by General Carl Spartz, former World War Two AAF four-marrer and USAF Chief of Staff. Way back in 1959, Spartz and an A-10 companion took off in a small cabin plane and, through primitive refueling techniques, were able to remain aloft for over two weeks, thus beating the then-existing record for staying off terra firma.

Upon landing, Captain Spartz was asked by a radio-reporter what it felt like to remain up in the air for so long. Said he, "Well, it's like asking a friend to stay in the bathroom

with you for two weeks."


In short, that seems like a fairly clear preview of what pioneer space flight is going to be like. No matter how delicate and involved the instruments that get the ship aloft, keep it there and bring it down safely, sanitary conditions are going to be so crowded as to be primitive. Probably, nothing quite like them will have been inflicted on humanity since it came out of the caves.

Even the most domesticated of wives or mistresses is going to grow tired of both life and companion under such conditions. Especially when the length of near-future space flights are taken into consideration. Escape velocity from the Earth's field of gravity is 3½ miles per second. If that sounds easy, it translates into 126 thousand miles per hour!

Yet, against the distances of even near planetary space, it adds up to appallingly long journeys. A mere

jaunt around the Moon at such speed will take up most of 48 hours. As for the time a powered trip to Venus (approximately 30,000,000 miles) or Mars (36,000,000 and up) would take—get out your pencil and do your own math. But you'll be up there a long, long time. A flight to the chill moons of Jupiter would take years, one to the moons of Saturn much longer.

So how are the boys (and girls) going to get their sex in space in the coming age or pioneer inter-planetary travel? Somebody is going to have to come up with a power system or a space station that will make larger, more comfortable ships possible by counteracting the force of Earth's gravity. Somebody probably will, or we're never going to get started on jaunts around the Solar System. It's a sure bet the boys won't take it forever without their breads, women or wives! ☐



Devouring all in their wake,  
the radioactive monsters swarmed over a  
helpless world

# the coming of the rats

by GEORGE H. SMITH

TWO WEEKS AFTER the big blowup I stood outside my cave and watched old man Johnson rattle up in the seltomatic Ford truck and climb out with his foxey-grandpa face set in a look of determined jollity. He was one of the few survivors I had seen and I wondered at Providence's mistake in letting him live.

"Got some canned goods I want to sell," he said. "Went into Braxton last night. Ain't nobody alive there so's I figure salvage is salvage."

"Some people might call it looting," I said, checking the cans with my gager counter and finding them fairly clean.

"Who you figure to win the war?" he asked.

"I figure whoever's going to win has already won."

"Don't seem like it would be over so soon," he said.

"Don't seem to me like there's many people left on either side to fight," I said. "How much you want for the canned goods?"

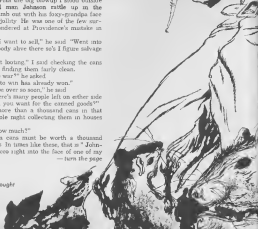
"Why, I reckon there's more than a thousand cans in that there truck. I spent the whole night collecting them in houses and stores and things."

"Yeah, a thousand cans. How much?"

"Waal now, I figure them cans must be worth a thousand dollars. A dollar each, that is. In times like these, that is." Johnson spat a huge wad of tobacco right into the face of one of my

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Backed against the wall, we fought  
against overwhelming odds





dogs, who had been sniffing about his feet. The dog retreated with a hurt look in his eyes.

"You know," I said, trying to keep from laying violent hands on him, "the thing I like about you is that you've such a damn fine human bearing."

"Ain't no time to be human no more. A man's got to look after himself and himself alone these days. That's what's wrong with you. You got a cave full of stray dogs and those other little animals—what you call 'em, ferrets—that you brought up from the city with you. All of 'em eating food you ought to be saving for yourself and your woman. Ain't no time to be human no more. I want a thousand dollars for them cats."

I almost laughed in his face, but managed to turn it into a frown. "That's a lot of money," I said.

"That's a lot of food. A lot of food, these days."

"Okay, okay." I handed him the money. Nice and crumpled and green just as I had got them out of the bank when I knew the blowup was coming, one thousand pieces of worthless paper.

He helped me unload the cans and

carry them back into the supply chamber of the cave then he set off in his old truck still grinning, thinking what a big shot was professor he was. I grinned too over a guy who thought money was worth anything anymore.

While I was taking in the rest of the food I noticed a big rat sitting on a nearby rock, eyeing me. A shiver of unreasoning fear suddenly shot up and down my spine. I had been seeing a lot of rats around the last week or so and it bothered me.

Barbara Malone came out of the cave. Before the ICBMs hit, she had been my secretary. She was also the best thing I had managed to save out of a world gone to hell.

Even in the old house dress she wore, her slim, tantalizing curves whispered a delightful invitation. The slenderness of that figure was beginning to bother me though I had been hoping that by now we would be on the way to repopulating the world.

"I'm all out of lipstick," She said ruefully.

"I'm sorry, sweets, but I can't imagine where we'll find any more."

"Well, I'll just have to get along without it."

I put my arms around her and

pressed my lips against hers. "I thank your mouth tastes even better without it."

My caresses grew more ardent.

"Please, darling, not right now." She pulled away and walked back into the cave. For a moment I stood watching the gentle sway of her hips and then I followed her.

"Barb, honey, what's the matter?"

"I...it's just that...well...what's the use of sex? If we're right and we're among the few people left alive, why go on with this nonsense of trying to survive and start over?"

I looked at the girl in amazement. During the time she had helped me move all the supplies and as we reached the cave, and during the actual four weeks of the war, she had been the best of companions. It was only during the last few days that she had become moody and unresponsive to my plans for the future.

"What is it? I can't understand what's wrong." I said. "I thought you loved me."

"I do love you. I love you very much, but the thought of bringing children into what's left of the world is just too much."

I suppose I should have expected this sort of thing, but I thought that I knew how to take care of it. In the weeks we had been there I had learned just how responsive the girl was to my lovemaking.

"Can't you see, darling, there isn't any point in our surviving if we don't follow through and try to start things over again?" I put my arms around her and pulled her firm, full-breasted body against mine.

"It just is it." Then my lips were on hers silencing his protests. My hands were moving over her body unbuttoning the house dress, fumbling with the catch of her bra. My lips were moving down her neck and over her shoulders and pressing against the suddenly engorged swelling of her nipples.

"Oh, darling, darling, please," she moaned as I perked her up and caressed her toward our bunk.

She lay there next to me the following morning with her blonde head on my bare shoulder, "I didn't mean. I didn't mean any of the things I said yesterday afternoon." She said. "I know you're right. I know it every time you take me in your arms. It's just when you don't do it often enough, I worry and feel that those isn't any use."

"Then I'll have to see that you don't get much time for that sort of thing," I said moving my hands over her body again.



"Upstairs we serve King Henry's favorite dish."



THAT AFTERNOON I saw another rat down by the stream. He was the biggest rat I'd ever seen in my life. A big grizzled old veteran with a very wise but very evil face. He stood nosing around my foot prints and the sight of him sent chills through my veins. The next morning I was looking out through the open door of the cave, toward a little hill nearby and a rat was sitting on top of it looking back at me. My blood turned very cold and I was very glad I'd had the foresight to buy two dozen ferrets before leaving the city, and had been brendring every stray dog that came by the cave.

For four months we didn't see anyone in our valley except old man Johnson. He brought us two nose loads of food and put the price up twice I was beginning to wonder, how much longer this could go on because the man had begun to develop all the signs of radiation poisoning.

I didn't say anything to him about it, however, because I wanted every scrap of food I could get.

The rats worried us more than radiation or the threat of starvation though. That was why I went on adopting every stray dog that came in search of food and spent so much time tending the two dozen little creatures that lived in cages in the supply cave behind our living quarters.

"Why do you spend so much time with those filthy things?" Barbara asked.

"These aren't 'filthy things'! These are the most important little animals in our world. I know we would have trouble with rats, that's why I brought them along."

"They're filthy! Just look at their cages!"

I grinned at her. "Whatever happens to the human race the rats will survive. Rats always survive."

"I don't understand."

"Ferrets are pound for pound among the most ferocious fighters in the world. They are trained from birth to kill rats."

THE NEXT DAY I found several hundred rats in the pasture when I went to bring the sheep and cattle down closer to our cave. The same gray bearded veteran I had seen before was with them.

"They're coming," I told Barbara. "I knew they would. They're coming from the sewers and from down deep under the foundations of the cities where they were safe from the bombs. They've finally eaten everything that was left there and now they're moving out into the country."

side and up into the mountains.

Every day we killed more and more rats in the pasture, down by the stream, and even among the rocks at the very entrance to our cave.

For three weeks we worked at digging three deep trenches around the mouth of the cave. I diverted water from the stream into the first one. I poured all the gasoline I had into the second one and in the third I placed the cages containing most of the ferrets with the doors open.

"WHAT'S THAT MOVING up there by that big tree?" Barbara asked one morning. "It looks like the whole pasture is moving."

I looked and knew. It was rats, thousands, hundreds of thousands of them, moving across the valley.

"Hurry!" I yelled. "We've got to drive the sheep and cattle into the supply cave!"

When we were safely in the cave after a hectic half-hour, I locked the heavy wooden door and piled our furniture in front of the rear cave to form a barricade. I laid out my two shotguns with a hundred rounds apiece, the hand grenades, and the Very pistols I had brought at the same time as the ferrets. I looked out through a loophole in the front of

the cave and wished that I could have found a flamethrower for sale.

Then we waited. We waited for three days during which not a rat crossed the water ditch.

"This is driving me crazy," Barbara complained on the fourth day. "Why do we have to stay cooped up this way? Why can't we go out and drive them away? I'm not afraid of a few rats."

"Did you say a few rats? Look out there by the big fir tree on the rise." I handed her my binoculars.

She took them and looked where I indicated.

"Do you remember the heifer? The one I couldn't drive into the cave with the others?"

"Of course it—" her voice broke off.

"It isn't running now."

Barbara screamed as she saw the body of the animal. It was covered with swarming, fighting rats.

I pulled her away from the loophole and took up my watch again. She came and sat at my feet. I grinned at her and she picked up one of the Very pistols. I showed her how to load it. Then she looked out the small opening. She stiffened but didn't flinch at the sight of the un-

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Adam



"Hello, dear! Did you know our new next door neighbor is an A.D.?"

# Dear Adam

From our loony file of pressing problems, here's a sampling of nuthouse rumbles

by BOB TUPPER



Dear Adam:

There's a girl I want, but everytime I chase her she runs... what's wrong?

Winded

Dear Winded:

She's probably just leading you on.

Adam



Dear Adam:

My girl is a sex fiend... I can't seem to get her mind off of it... what can I do?

Pooped

Dear Pooped:

Write me her address immediately.

Adam



Dear Adam:

I am a woman bricklayer... I work hard and make lots of money, but don't seem to find time for any fun... what do you suggest?

Frustrated

Dear Frustrated,

Find a job where you can mix business with pleasure. Try laying something besides bricks, and your problem will be solved.

Adam



Dear Adam:

My girl and I don't see eye to eye.

Troubled

Dear Troubled:

If you want to see eyes, look in a mirror...

Adam



Dear Adam:

I'm getting suspicious of my dentist . . . He always gives me gas when he works on me, but he never sends a bill. What do you think?

Puzzled

Dear Puzzled:

Send him one . . .

Adam



Dear Adam:

I buy and wear all the latest fashions, but my boy friend never comments on how nice I look . . . what should I do?

Disillusioned

Dear Disillusioned:

Maybe he doesn't want you to look nice . . . Put your clothes in the closet where they belong . . . You'll get more than comments

Adam



Dear Adam:

There is this man I'm crazy about . . . How can I attract his attention?

Anxious

Dear Anxious:

Do like the bellfighters do . . . he'll come charging

Adam



My girl is very touchy about some things. How do I avoid hurting her feelings?

Worried

Dear Worried:

Use kid gloves . . .

Adam

Without fancy padding Fred Mellinger believes women alone hold the key to their own beauty



# The Bra King

by PETER NIMMS

PHOTO BY RON LUGER

Customers may select from a wide variety of Fred's creations.



FROM THE FIRST dim beginnings of recorded history, men have expressed a fanatical concern for the beauty of their women. And the women have been well aware of it. Even as far back as 400 B.C., a jovial playwright named Aristophanes wrote of a gal called Lysistrata who knew the power of a beautiful woman and decided to use that power to put an end to war.

For several years, the men of Athens had been scurrying off to various battlefields, leaving their wives to lonely nights and empty beds. The wives eventually grew tired of this, and when Lysistrata one day gathered them together and convinced them to go on strike against their husbands. When the warriors returned, with large smiles and anxious glands, they were greeted by a most frustrating ultimatum: Stop fighting or stop loving. Woman or war (Need anyone be told which they chose?)

The importance of feminine beauty has not diminished even slightly in the past 2300 years. Indeed, it's probably on the increase in our own day. For a long while there was a terrible tendency to hide beauty behind bustles and such devices (a formless oddity that keeps coming back like a nightmare). Whereas Lysistrata of Athens could say of the undraped bosom of one of her friends, "What lovely breasts to own," a few years ago a modern Lysistrata could only say,

"Gee, that's a nice bra!"

That ridiculous circumstance changed—to the benefit of mankind, I'm sure—when a new fashion movement began to stir during the late '40s. It urged a return to the "natural beauty" of woman. One of the most important pioneers of that movement was a gentleman by the name of Fred Mellinger, owner of the world-famous Frederick's of Hollywood.

Fred's battle against the 19th Century tradition of the over-dressed woman began when he was only seventeen years old. Determined to get through college, he enrolled in night classes and took a job with a large Eastern Company as a bra and lingerie buyer. After only a few weeks, he realized the startling importance of the lingerie industry and decided to make it his life work.

He stayed with the company 12 years, learning every aspect of the business from designing to marketing. Over those years, he came to realize that the manufacturers, instead of designing their products to reveal the natural attributes of the female, were actually hiding them under several inches of lace, linen, and pads. Something new was obviously needed, and Fred was determined to create it.

He first offered his ideas to the company he was with, but they were too conservative. They responded by laughing him out of the office. Fred had no choice. If he was to follow his convictions, he had to go into business for himself.

But, as he was about to solo for the first time, the Second World War broke loose and he enlisted. He spent 2½ years in the signal corps,

Each woman is sketched in detail so that the final garment will fully accent her own beauty.





*Fred makes a final minor adjustment before completing one of his recent designs*

carrying a rifle manual in one hand and a history of women's clothing styles in the other. By the time his discharge came in 1945, he had matured into one of the most informed authorities on women's styles in the world.

Again a civilian, he set himself down to the seemingly endless task of designing dozens of radically improved bras, and, with a little money he was able to raise, opened a small office on 5th Avenue in New York City. His plan was to contract a few manufacturers to make these new bras for him, and then to sell them by mail-order. In a short time, Fred-

erick's Bras had exploded on the fashion world like an earthquake. Orders began pouring in from around the world.

In 1946, he moved his base of operations to Los Angeles. Since Hollywood was a city unique for its appreciation of feminine beauty, it had been Fred's life-long dream to go West where his innovations would be truly appreciated. Using every penny he had made in New York, he rented a very inexpensive little office in Chinatown. "It was a real dive," he recalls. "But we were still strictly a mail-order business and the central post office was only a few

blocks away. Besides, the mice were very friendly."

The earthquake he had loosed upon the bra industry didn't let up. The tremors got bigger, the orders increased daily, and within six months he was forced to move into bigger quarters.

"It was as though all the women in the world had been waiting for something like this. They were proud of their bodies and never liked the idea of keeping them hidden. All I actually did was to give those gals something they'd always wanted: A chance to be themselves. It was all very exciting, but it



Customers make their selections to fit their individual personalities and hence wearing distinctive bras guaranteed to display their beauty to the fullest.



didn't reach a peak until the next year. That's when the film studios started calling, asking us to move up to Hollywood where it would be convenient for them. After that, we were really flying high!

That was when the name Frederick's of Hollywood was officially adopted, a name that has since become world-famous. By 1930, Fred had a long list of important fashions credited to him, among them: Embroidered stockings, queen's-lace stockings (wide-mesh theatrical stockings made for street wear), harem pajamas (cheer, so they wouldn't obscure the natural figure),

and, to the joy of all beseechers, the revival of the bikini.

But Fred's most widely acclaimed contribution has been in the bra field. "Our contribution to bra design," he often jokes, "was not an innovation, but an elimination." And eliminate he did! First he removed the centers of bras, then the tops, continually attempting to get to the woman herself. "These particular bras were not for re-shaping," he claims, but for supporting. A beautiful woman needs nothing more from us than a chance to show her beauty!"

Furshatnical voices were raised in

outrage, but Fred persisted in his conviction that hiding beauty was far more vulgar than allowing it to show naturally. Although it took him several years, he finally proved himself right.

Standing in his main store in Hollywood, one can watch the most elite and elegant women come in for a fitting. Teen-agers, dowagers, every age, background, all anxious to become more naturally feminine.

At last count, the Frederick's of Hollywood catalogue was being distributed to nearly a million people. His customers are not exclusively in this country, however. Orders also

serve daily from such distant places as Trinidad, Uthmaniyah (in South Africa), Ceylon, and even the new Republic of Uganda. Only the Iron Curtain countries have remained silent, and it is interesting to imagine how many 3-year plans will lose the dust of a Frederick's topless bra ever appears in downtown Moscow!

"Our customers are housewives and movie stars, college girls and high-fashion models. We even sell to men who want gifts for their wives or girl friends. The only trouble with selling to men is that there's a tremendous amount of exchanging. They keep confusing their wife's sizes with their girl friend's!"

Although he now handles almost every kind of women's apparel, Fred's own interest remains devotedly in the bra field. He works tirelessly perfecting new bras, surveying the hundreds of world-wide fashion magazines for new ideas and new problems to solve.

When tackling a new design, Fred usually works with a model. In this way, he can put his inspirations to the test immediately. Close-by are also a style consultant and his secretary.

Before he even starts, Fred has probably spent several days, if not weeks, clarifying the exact effect he is attempting to achieve with the new bra. Perhaps it is for an especially low-cut gown or a backless sun-suit. In any case, he has a reasonably good idea of the problems he will probably encounter. The design project itself usually begins with the difficult job of getting the exact measurements of the model's

best dimensions. This done, he is ready to start experimenting by fitting the model with several variations of the bra he is working on, dictating any changes to his secretary, and conferring on special points with the style consultant. Over and over he goes through this routine. Sometimes the experiments go on for days, sometimes for only a few hours. But years of experience have taught him determination, and rarely gets discouraged. "It's not like designing a dress that simply has to look good. A bra has a job to do and it had better damn well do it perfectly. So you keep trying, making changes, adjustments. There's a point, eventually, when you know you've hit the right combination of elements, and the experimenting's over. From then on, it's smooth sailing."

Because of his success in stimulating the "natural beauty look" and because of his tremendous influence on the whole bra industry, Fred was eventually tagged The Bra King, a title he firmly objects to. "There's no such thing as a Bra King! The only rulers in this kingdom are the gals. They know what they want and we try to give it to them."

And what gals some of them are! A day at Frederick's is something like a day in heaven. In and out walk some of the most beautiful women in the world, often as many at a time that an unprepared male could well have a dizzy spell.

But to Fred Mellinger it is a profession, and the only thing that terrifies him (other than his wife and daughter) is a new problem to solve or a new project to start. To-




day, he counts his yearly gross sales in the millions of dollars, has retail stores opening throughout the country, and even maintains offices in France and Germany.

Yet, despite all this, Fred remains a friendly, good-humored guy, as surprised at his enormous success as the executives who laughed him out of their offices only a few years ago. And whenever he's asked to explain the secret of his success, he usually lets a little smile spread across his face and says simply, "Well, I guess the world took me to its bosom!"









Half right all of the time, all right half of the time,  
Allen English was the greatest hellion the west  
ever saw

# SAGA OF THE LOADED LAWYER

by NAT McKELVEY

**I**N THE DAYS when murder and self-defense were virtually synonymous, Bill King's Tombstone saloon opened its conscious bat-wings to counts and no-counts, to the cultured and unwashed, to professional ladies and to men with professions. Therefore no one thought much about it when a moon-faced, ruddy-cheeked fox-footer in cutaway coat and striped pants pushed his paruch against the polished mahogany.

Half right, Allen R. English, greatest lawyer Tombstone ever had, passed his natty Van Dyke with one hand, crushed the other on the gleaming board, and loudly opined that there would be no rain on San Juan's Day when, according to Mexican tradition, a downpour can be expected.

"Bet you the drinks it does," someone countered.

"You're on," snapped English, "and if it rains, I'll stand naked under the public water spout."

On June 24, 1908, San Juan's Day, the skies erupted. True to his word, English, naked as a plucked goose, stepped from King's Saloon to the water spout, dutifully standing under it.

Now this bit of diabolical whamey might have had no particular sequel—except that English was applying for the office of United States Commissioner, and some peeping Toss played him false. From a window of the boarding house opposite the water fort, the Puntin snapped a photo of the fabulous lawyer, sending it to Washington with the caption: "This is the man you are considering for U. S. Commissioner?"

English didn't get the job, but he continued living a life that became a legend in his own time. In fact, his life became so legendary that one historian credits him with all manner of action during an eleven year period when the redoubtable utter—

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His mansion had a window through  
which guests could watch the  
local gunfights

ney was peacefully resting in his grave in a Babcoo cemetery.

That English could remain as alive in public fancy, even after death, is a tribute to the force of a personality that could, even though croaked, impress itself indelibly on the frontier world.

Once, while trying a murder case before Judge Alfred C. Lockwood, later Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, English requested a recess. Promptly, he retired to the courthouse privy for a few stiff snorts from a concealed bottle. Returning to court, he staggered noticeably.

Glowering, Judge Lockwood repel-manded the attorney, warning him never again to appear in court while drunk. Veluibly, English promised. But next morning, he once again lurched into Judge Lockwood's presence. Angrily, the judge denounced him.

"Mr. English," he growled, "I gave you distinct warning. You have chosen to ignore it. Therefore, I sentence you to thirty days for contempt."

Now Allen English was courtly of manner, probing the air at six feet plus. When he moved, his big-boned body had the grace of a ballet dancer, the coordination of an athlete. His head, magnificently endowed with flowing hair, gave him the appearance of a friendly lion, while his tremendous moustache and impertinent but whiskers contributed to an impression of supreme wisdom.

When he heard Judge Lockwood's sentence, English bellowed like a wounded boar. "Your honor," he snorted, unleashing a cascade of eloquence the like of which Lockwood had never before heard.

For fifteen minutes, the lawyer called on his God, referred to the works of Shakespeare, spouted from Latin and Greek poets and concluded by importuning the judge to remember the fair name of mother English, proud flower of Maryland aristocracy.

From Judge Lockwood's cheeks, unabashed tears rolled, splashing to the polished judicial bench.

"All right, Mr. English. All right!" the judge exclaimed. "I'll remit fifteen days of that sentence."

As English left the courtroom, guided by the bailiff, he winked and remarked, loud enough for all to hear:

"By God, I talked him out of half of it, didn't I?"

Jailed, English served only a fraction of the sentence. Yelling for a lawyer, reciting his constitutional rights, and quiting from the classics, he made such a nuisance of himself that his guards released him after three days.

Appropos of this performance, a naive spectator remarked: "Mr. English is certainly an outspoken man." Hearing this, a weedy prosecutor replied:

"Mr. English may be out-thought, out-maneuvered, out-smarted, but believe me, brother, he is never outspoken!"

As a lad of twenty, English migrated, in 1880, from his native Saginaw, Michigan. Arriving in Tombstone, he worked for a period as a hard-rock miner, but this proved scarcely suitable for the son of a wealthy shipbuilder whose wife was one of the Fitzgeralds of Maryland. Besides, young Allen boasted a law degree from the University of Vir-

ginia, and Tombstone had plenty of characters in need of counsel.

English rubbed shoulders and drank with such men as Curly Bill Brocius who authored the Elkhorn Canyon massacres of 1881; with such saloon socialities as Rattlesnake Hill, "Doc" Holiday, Jake Ganss, and Johnny Ringo. English had been in Tombstone scarcely a year when Billy Clanton, Tom and Frank McLowery died of lead poisoning in an explosive round of the Earp-Clanton affair.

It was natural that English should attract the attention of someone Marcus Aurelius Smith, man of many facets and a congressman to boot. In the young man, Mark Smith saw a carbon copy of his own quixotic self, and, though he was against gambling, he decided to take a chance and make English a junior partner in the law firm of Smith and Goodrich.

Allen English swept into the offices on Rotten Row, oblivious of the street name's possible implications. With him, English brought his law books, his formidable wit, and his ever-present bottle of good whiskey. He became immediately a friend to the oppressed, though not without certain reservations, and a precocious pain in the backside to judges and prosecuting attorneys.

In court, prosecutors feared his unconventional tactics, his incomparable legal acumen, his stingy wit. One of his contemporaries on Rotten Row had especial cause for pain.

During prolonged legal contemplations, this worthy had worn a prominent hole in his cane bottomed office chair. To keep from falling through, he placed a brace of heavy law books over the opening. One day, during a crackling court battle against English, the attorney screamed:

"Mr. English, your conception of perjury of law is indeed unique."

"Naturally," English retorted, blandly. "I do not absorb my legal knowledge with the same part of my anatomy that you do."

If English spared no opposing counsel, he didn't discriminate against the judges either. According to the late John Walker, federal district court reporter at Tucson, English had a penchant for heckling "their honors."

Once on law and motion day in the court of Judge George R. Davis, English presented himself so obviously cracked that the judge could not overlook it. He fined the young attorney twenty-five dollars for con-

Allen



"Wink, eh! Nice work, Dora. I knew you had it in you!"

tempt of court.

Raring to the occasion, English roared: "Your honor, twenty-five dollars wouldn't pay for half the contempt I have for this court."

At one time or another, almost every judge from Tombstone to Tucson had occasion to cite English for contempt. To his colleagues he became known as "the contemptuous Mr. English." An illiterate miner once distorted this to "the contemptible Mr. English," a description that many court-room dignitaries found privately enjoyable.

English may not have enjoyed the old western delicacy "son-of-a-bitch-in-a-sack," a stew concocted of kidney, liver, heart, brains, and tripe. But he undoubtedly concurred, when saddlefooted cowpokes, contemptuous of law and order, re-named the dish. To them it became "district attorney stew," an insult to legal authority that must surely have tickled the fancy of brother English.

As for his attitude in the matter of the "under-dog," English could alternately be schismatic and contemptuous. On one occasion, though tight as a Hibernian fiddler, he successfully defended Wiley Morgan, a man of no "couth." Accused of murder, this notorious participant in the Clinton-Karp-Morgan feuds went scot free.

On the other hand, English had certain prejudices. Somewhat aquiver, he once justified his way to the polished board in Tombstone's Crystal Palace Bar. In the process of commanding a drink, he brushed against a drunken half-breed. The half-breed wept bitterly.

Himself on the point of a crying jag, English encircled the man's sweaty, dirt-splashed shirt with an affectionate arm.

"Come, come, my friend," the renowned attorney cooed. "Tell me your troubles."

Without hesitation, the uncouth fellow painted a picture of oppression and persecution at the hands of arrogant anglers. Tears sprang into English's gray eyes, flowed down his ruddy cheeks. "Go on," he urged.

"Well, Mr. English," sobbed the half-breed. "I cannot understand this, for the same God made both of us..."

"I know," snapped English, his voice resonant. "That's what I've crying about."

Johnny Walker describes English as a gifted speechmaker, his voice phibic, now ringing with resonance, now throbbing with whispered emotion. The court-room colossus could play pines as an over-wrought

gypsy plays his violin. He could cry, rage, beg, flatter or change to democratic familiarity at will. Often, while pleading a case, he would lean over the jury box and say to one of the miners, "Give me a chew of tobacco, Will."

For a re-treaded tenderfoot, English chewed tobacco with the skill of a mule-skinner. He disposed of it with the deadly accuracy of an Annie Oakley. Old-timers swear he could spit backwards over his shoulder and never miss a cuspidor at ten feet. They say he chewed in court, firing his over-load at any gabeen, even the one reserved for "his honor". During heated arguments, the English aim sometimes became a trifle erratic, and brown juices splattered the judicial bench. These exhibitions, which would have done credit to a tipsy archer fish, became known, in lower-case Tombstone society, as "English's great ex-por-tor-ations."

One of English's staunch friends was the late William C. Staehle, an attorney who bore the picturesque, and probably accurate, pseudonym of "Corkscrew." History does not agree on how he earned this name. Some accounts say it was because he was something less than straight in his dealings—others that he garnered the title because of an ever-present bottle opener which made him always ready to uncock the spirits he loved.

Undoubtedly, Staehle was an accomplished drinker and so found English a compatible friend. Once, the two were traveling by buckboard from Tombstone to Tucson. Rains had swollen the creeks and rivers. One of these, possibly the San

Pedro, was so full when the two counsellors came upon it in the evening that they had to wait until morning before crossing. During the night the water vanished as run-off, leaving Staehle to quip:

"They should name this 'English Wash'."

"Why?" queried English.

"Because," Staehle explained. "It is full at night, dry in the morning."

English had his revenge. When the two men came to another swollen stream, they waited in vain for it to run down.

"This one," English declared, "should be called 'Staehle Wash', Full all the time."

This was probably the only occasion on which English ever conceded that another man could equal him in the fine art of bending the elbow. He prided himself on an unusual ability to carry untold quantities of hard liquor, and he constantly reserved his right to do so against all comers.

The Santa Fe Railroad once offered him the head attorney's post for their company in Arizona. They would pay, they said, the handsome sum of \$25,000 a year, but on one condition. English must agree to cease imbibing. On hearing this, the inarticulate lawyer turned livid.

"What," he yelled. "Give up my inalienable rights to a bloodless corporation. Hell no."

English knew his own weakness for drink, but he couldn't have cared less. Often, in fact, he kidded himself about his drinking propensities. Once, in a hazy glow, he stepped from a saloon into Tombstone's Allen Street, glanced sourly at the

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"That was the best Fate-Worse-Than-Death I ever suffered thru..."

When a beautiful blonde like Lynn Hayward is bitten by the health bug, the results are something to see



## model's daily dozen

**G**OTTEN-ROUSE: Lynn Hayward is not only one of the most beautiful girls in the entire Hollywood area—she is also one of the best disciplined, physically at any rate. For Lynn is a girl who believes that, without an underlying layer of sound muscle tone, her loveliest body-features will sag and go flabby before their time.

"Look at the way dancers, especially ballet-dancers keep their figures," she insists by way of proof. "I'm no ballet-dancer, but I try to accomplish the same end by working out in a gymnasium at least four times a week."





*In corset and sweater, in leotard or in nothing at all, Lynn is a sight for sore optics. At 35-24-37, she has what it takes!*





Lynn firmly believes beauty needs a foundation of sound muscle tone—and she really works at her belief, as the pictures to the left reveal.



Lynn as young (about 20) and is basically a big girl as well as a beautiful one. She stands five feet eight in her soles, weighs 160 pounds dripping wet and measures a stunning 28-24-37 where such measurements count the most. She hails from Southern California, would like ultimately to crack the movies ("whenever they and I think I'm ready") and as that rarity of rarities in Hollywood, a natural blonde.

Unlike a large percentage of her rivals in the Hollywood beauty sweepstakes, Lynn is intensely serious about her undoubted earnestness as well as her health. Says she, "I feel the two go together, that they complement one another. Without health, beauty is seldom even skin-deep, but only makeup deep. And I want to take care of what nature has given to me."

Lynn attended UCLA for a number of semesters, studying biology and physical education. Her fervor in the matter of lab (gymnasium) work, however, soon brought her to the attention of the Vic Tanny health studios, and she quit studying biology to become a prize specimen herself.

"Nowadays," she reveals, "my favorite gym is the West Los Angeles Physical Services, and my favorite instructor is named Lunn." (Shown with Lynn in a number of these photos.)

Lynn, who picks up pin money singing popular songs at some of the smaller Hollywood area bistros, has also done considerable work as a model. Her five feet eight inches, plus her poise, make her a natural for fashion as well as pinup work, and she gets along quite well, thank you, while awaiting her movie break.

"I'm forever being stopped by strangers on the street," she says. "They always want to know if I'm in pictures. Usually they tell me I look either like Grace Kelly or Ingrid Bergman, depending on how I've done my hair that morning. Heaven knows,





After a workout on barbells and mat, Lynn uses reducing tub to keep her 39" bosom firm

both of them have done well in the movies — I only hope I can have half as good a career as either of them."

Meanwhile, Lynn keeps in shape. She is a health-food addict like so many other girls who train at the various Hollywood gymnasiums, drinks sparingly and does not smoke. "What's more," she adds, "I seldom go to parties, and if I do I leave early. I need my eight to more hours of sleep a night if I'm going to keep on feeling and looking good enough to have a film career." A nice girl as well as a lovely one.





**RATS,**  
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countable gray bodies that obscured the green of the meadow.

"I didn't get enough ferrets, I didn't get enough dogs, I didn't get enough gasoline," I muttered.

"Darling, darling..." her fingers dug into my leg.

"They've left the cities because there isn't anything there anymore," I said.

The dogs were growling and whining. They had gotten to their feet and were standing stiff-legged around the door. They wanted to get at the rats.

"There's someone coming," Barbara said suddenly. "There's a truck coming."

I picked up the glasses. There was a truck roaring down the road at desperate speed, a red pick-up truck.

It was old man Johnson and he didn't make it. His truck plowed through the brown and gray bodies leaving a stream of red, but it slowed as the bodies piled up in front of it. It kept coming and almost reached the first of my trenches. As it came to a stop the brown and gray mass poured over it. I could see Johnson trying to open the door, trying to get out, his screams ripping the morning air.

"My God... my God in heaven!" Barbara moaned.

I picked up my rifle and fired in a rifle grenade. It was the only rifle grenade I had but I had to use it because it was all that I could do for him. By the time I lined up my sights, the truck was completely covered and the screams were muffled. I pulled the trigger and looked away as the burst of flames wiped out the pile of moving life.

Barbara's fingers dug deeply into my arm. The dogs growled and the ferrets hurled themselves against the wire of their cages.

The brown and gray mass came over the first trench with hardly a pause. The water had been a mistake. Somehow I had thought that they couldn't swim, not against the flowing water of the stream anyway. They came with water dripping from their furry bodies and their teeth gleaming. I waited as sweat poured from my forehead. I waited until they were paled by the thousands in the second pit and were beginning to crawl up the other side by the

dunes.

"Do something!" Barbara screamed. "Do something!"

I pressed the button that lit the spark that set off the gasoline in the second trench. As the all-consuming flame leaped upward and flared all too briefly against the sky, I knew real terror. I should have bought more gasoline. I should have bought gasoline from here to Sunday. I should have buried barrels of it where I could have pumped it into the ditch to keep the fire going for hours instead of minutes. But it was too late now, the fire was already going out.

The third ditch gave them more trouble. For almost an hour hundreds of rats poured down into it and none came out. I couldn't see what was going on but I knew it must be a battle of epic proportions in which all but six of our ferrets were fighting their last battle against tremendous odds.

Finally one big red-eyed demon crawled out on our side of the trench only to be pulled back down. Then another with half his body gone crawled out to die, while another followed him dripping blood and darted toward the door of the cave. Two more came and I blasted them with a single shotgun shell.

Adam

But more and more were coming now, dozens became hundreds. They knew there was food inside the cave and they were starving. We fired two hundred rounds of shotgun ammunition and I threw twenty-four grenades. Rats piled up on our little strip of sand two feet deep, but still they came. They charged against the door and began gnawing on it.

I blasted them with a flare from a Very pistol but they came back time after time.

"How long will it hold?" Barbara asked hearing the teeth chewing at the door.

"I don't know!" I said. I had one hand in the stiff hair of Dolly, one of my favorite dogs. Jake, a big terrier was gnawing against my legs.

In a shorter time than I expected, a hole appeared at the bottom of the door and a pair of fiery eyes peered through. The terrier tore off the head so it came through but another followed it.

"Turn the ferrets loose," I told Barbara.

"We've killed so many you'd think..."

"How many do you think there are? How do we know how fast they're breeding? How do we know what effect the bomb radiations have had on them?"



"It's ironic, isn't it... I made my living in this old hotel years ago... in a completely different way, of course!"



I was looking out the hole as I talked, and there on the hill I saw him again. He must have been at least two feet long, a veritable old patriarch of his people—a Moses leading them to some promised land. He stood there with his lieutenants groused about him watching the advance on our fortress.

They kept on coming. The deer was chewed into something resembling loe, their claws and teeth ripping and tearing it to pieces. Dozens of them were queuing through now. Time after time the dogs were striking and every time they struck they made a kill. The ferrets followed them in and got any that got past them, but the rats kept coming.

We couldn't get at the loopholes anymore. The last time I tried I pulled my hand back with a wringing rat hanging to it by its long, sharp teeth. His teeth stayed locked in my hand even after I had battered him to death against the wall of the cave. I had to pry his jaws open to free myself.

Suddenly the deer collapsed completely and in their came by the hundreds. I saw one dog dragged down and then another, but the rest went on fighting. Twice they almost cleared the cave of rats but each time it filled again. We had backed up behind the barricade and I was helping the dogs and ferrets as much as I could with my forty-five although shooting rats with a forty-five is an almost hopeless feat.

The dogs were being driven back. They were being beaten by the sharp teeth and claws of hundreds of times their number of rats. The dogs were quitting...four of them lay dead and the others were slinking back behind the barricade with us, blood dripping from scores of bites and scratches on their bodies. The ferrets were still fighting, they would fight until they died.

"Barbara—the Very pistols!" I yelled grabbing the last two as she handed them to me. I pulled the triggers and sent twin bursts of fire across the cave.

Clow! Single shots...if someone had only invented repeating flare guns, I thought as the flares burst and drove them back, maiming the rats and giving the last ferrets a respite. As fast as Barbara could load the big chambers of the flare pistols I emptied them.

It wasn't enough. I filled the other side of the cave with flares, but it wasn't enough. They still came on, their little red eyes gleaming with hate and blood lust. Then we ran out of flares. I was down to my

forty-five and a machete now. We backed further into the supply cave, back to where the dogs had fled, calling to them, trying to get them to fight.

I was kicking at the rats now, trying to beat them off my legs, chopping at them with the machete. One was hanging onto my arm, teeth imbedded in muscle. Barbara squirmed in behind me screaming. I turned and grabbed at the tail of a filthy beast whose teeth were sunk in her breast. She was struggling with another one on her shoulder. We were being smothered, smothered with vicious, furry bodies, smothered with gleaming white teeth that were turning red with our blood.

It was then that I saw him. I had killed hundreds of them by shooting at the mass of them with the forty-five and letting the big slugs batter their way through but I hadn't hit a single one with sharpshooting. But there was the general, the prophet, come to take part in the final victory. I shook off one whose teeth were in my wrist and lifted the gun. My shot sent a slug smashing at him.

He moved fast. I could almost see the startled expression on his face as he leaped. He moved fast, but not fast enough. The slug caught him and blew him to pieces. There was a noticeable pause in the attack. It was almost as though the rats lost heart with the death of the leader.

The dogs returned to the fight now. Dolly tore one of the things off my back and Jake and a small black spaniel joined her. A ferret took up a spot between my legs and slowly we began to turn the tide.

Afterwards—hours afterwards when we had killed the last one in the cave and somehow barricaded the door, I fell exhausted to the floor. Barbara came and put her arms around me and I kissed her thinking that we two might be the last people on earth, thinking that the rats would be back some day, thinking what's the use.

Then I looked at Barbara and somehow I knew that she had changed her mind. We weren't going to be the only people left on Earth. We might be alone now, but we would have children. When the rats came back we would be ready for them.

"I'll breed dogs and ferrets," I told her. "I'll get more gasoline and we'll put up an iron door this time. We'll stop them for as long as we have to."

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*Suddy leaned over the bar slobbering and bawling into the night.*



# the Happiest Lion

by EARLE SCHELL

MIKE SHELLEN poured out still another libation to the gods of the Viking Bookshop before applying the bottle to his own lips. His back to the open door, he surveyed the interior of the store, which, divested now of its gaudy Joseph's-coat of rammed volumes, seemed larger and somehow obscenely naked. Utterly depressed, he skated the puddle of bourbon on the floor and returned to the desk, the only item of furniture remaining. He set the bottle down and rummaged in a drawer for cigarettes.

A movement near the door distracted him...

Beh! A track of light and early evening shadow. He resumed his search.

The hallucination nugged at the edge of his vision, again compelled his scrutiny. It was still crouched there, lapping up the bourbon from the luncheon.

"You damned figure of an overweight imagination, beat it!" Mike's right arm described a sweeping backhanded gesture of dismissal.

Lambent yellow eyes glower malevolently in the shadow of the ruff as the huge head swung up. The beast scowled. The tufted tail flicked electrically.

"Okay, buddy," Mike muttered grumpily. "If you are real and it's a fight you want, you've picked

—turn the page

Ruined in business, empty in love—  
an alcoholic lion  
was the last thing he needed



man, and pushed himself erect, only to find his six-foot-plus topped by the lion's head. Momentarily, they wrestled upright, then toppled back to the floor.

Mike quit first. Panting heavily, he sat astraddle on the cat's heaving belly. "There! what a workout!" he gasped. "What we need, buddy, is a drink." The bottle was within reach. "First a wee drop of the cre-tur' for the Lores and Pensies—" he spilled out a couple of drops — "Enough!" He drank, then measured what was left against the deserts of his playmate. He struggled. "Share and share alike." Leaning forward and thrusting the neck of the bottle between the lion's teeth, he decanted the bourbon into the animal's throat. Then he rose and tossed the empty bottle aside.

The lion wriggled to a sitting position, his eyes switching from the bottle to Mike and back again, his tongue flicking out to sweep quivering chops.

"Better mooch drinks elsewhere, buddy. I'm the brokest used-book-dealer in town. The dough I got out of this place belongs to my ex-wife and my creditors."

The lion hitched himself tentatively forward, settled back on his haunches, his eyes unswervingly fixed on the man.

"Oh, okay," Mike capitulated. "But only one."

Their progress down the street was attended by a spontaneous outbreak of lewdness among the attorney who fractured every jay-walking ordinance in the books scribbling for the opposite sidewalk. Unconscious of the furor they were causing, the pair strolled into a cafe. The bartender, being occupied at the bar, failed to witness their entrance. When he turned, his jaw dropped.

"Where'd they go?"

"Who?"

"The customers. Two seconds ago, the place is full! Suddenly, it's Sunday in Philadelphia."

"Besta me. Everybody left as I came in."

"Shee! Never saw a place empty so fast since the cops raided a stag I was at last year. Well, what's your mister?"

"Two double bourbons."

"Two?"

"One for me — one for my buddy."

The bartender looked around to study himself that the young man really was his sole customer. Eccentricity being no uncommon phenomenon to a barman, he sighed and

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*She was pink and naked,  
whispering on the floor,*



*The gallows beckoned, and  
even Rand's woman couldn't  
save him from the  
gambler's double-cross*



# SAVE ME YOUR BOOTS

by CONNIE SELLERS

THE moon was held last night's coolness; Rand gripped them hard. There was a smell of fresh-sawn pine. And hammer noises, staccato, but with long rests between poundings, moving as all things move in desert sun.

Nothing hurried in an Arizona summer—not jackrabbits, not rattlers; and men, least of all. Not even when they were building a gallows.

Rand pressed his face against the bars, hating them, grateful for their momentary coolness. This afternoon, when the sun swung over on this side of the adobe jail, the metal could blaster his hands.

The street would bake, hardbright sun beating upon it. But men would come out of the shade to drive nails, to test the trap, and finally, check the rope itself.

Rand didn't want to die. Not like this. He sat on the hard bunk and poured tobacco into tinbrown paper. His hands shook, and he licked the paper together quickly.

In the corridor, ragged cards slapped on the nail keg the deputy used as a table. "Damn!" Jeff said. "Now you got all the matches."

Rand listened for the other voice—for the man in the next cell to answer.

"You can have 'em back, tomorrow," Kane  
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Wilder said. "Where I'm going, if I need a light, I'll just pick me up a hot coal."

The saltpetre match broke as Rand scratched it too hard. Kane Wilder could joke about tomorrow, damn him. He'd laugh until he dropped through the gallows trap and broke his neck. He knew a big joke, but he'd never tell that deputy about it.

Kane wouldn't tell anybody, because then he'd have to die alone. If other people knew the joke, Rand Abel wouldn't hang.

The deputy scraped back his stool. "Kane—you been thinkin' about it—about havin' me your boots?"

Kane laughed. "You got a mind like a mule, Jeff. You want these boots bad?"

Rand stared at the bluesmoke of his cigaret. For weeks, the deputy had been after Kane for those boots. They were special, like everything else Kane wore—fancy, handstitched leather from Texas, costing more than the deputy had ever seen at one time.

"Well," Jeff said, "I hate to think of them fine boots rottin' away in the ground."

Rand frowned. Kane was playing with Jeff, as he toyed with other men at poker tables. The deputy would probably get the boots, but Kane would keep him dangling until the last minute.

"If you were a gamblin' man, like me," Kane said, "you'd have a decent pair like these."

Jeff beamed a little to his right, so he could wink heavily at Rand. "Reckon I'll stick to my forty-a-mornin'—and live to drink it up."

Feet moved across the other cell. "I might save you my boots, since you promised to let my sister know—after."

Rand clammed his hand against the bunk chain. "He doesn't have a sister!"

"Well, now," Kane called. "Thought you was asleep. Can't you sleep, Rand?"

Rand went to the cell door. "You don't have a sister. Tell him it's Sally you want to torture—just once more."

"You been to a lot of hangings, Jeff," Kane said. "Many of the boys get that way? Imagin' women, I mean—dreamin' up stories to save their necks?"

Jeff nodded. "You'd be surprised, some of the yams they tell. Guess I can't blame 'em none."

Rand shook the bars. "Sally will tell you I wasn't with Kane that night. Why don't you check on that

sister's address?"

Jeff came closer. "Now, boy—we went over all that at the trial. It's too hot to fret like this. Why don't you take it easy?"

Rand stared at the man's lined face for a moment, then walked stiff-legged back to his bunk. There wasn't a chance, they wouldn't listen. Kane had seen him up tight. He'd never let Rand go free—to Sally. Rand swung his legs up on the bunk and remembered Sally.

It wasn't hard. She was too much woman to forget—round and firm, with a femur under her paint and powder that Kane had never found. Maybe it was because Kane hadn't looked for it.

Not him. Not the hard-eyed man coiled like a rattler at his poker table every night in the Redeye Saloon. Not the man who used a spade bit on horses, and Mexican rowel spurs.

Rand sweated on the bare prison pillow, thinking how it had been, the first night. His room was at the end of the hall over the saloon. Close to the stairs was Sally's room.

Only one man went into Sally's room—Kane Wilder. They'd pointed him out to Rand, the man they said would bet his shirt on anything—how many times a coyote yapped in five minutes; that the next cowhand through the batwing doors would have blues eyes.

And he usually won. Just as he won at stud, become with cards, Kane didn't make crazy bets. He played them close to his fancy vest. They also said he would back up his play with those paired guns, made special for him in Abilene.

Rand had been scrubbing away trail dust when the woman's muffled cry came through the paper-thin wall and snapped his head up. He didn't like to hear anything in pain, so he went into the hall and knocked on the other door.

Boots high-heeled his way, and the door swung open.

"Play your own hand," Kane Wilder said.

Beyond the man, Rand saw Sally. She was pink and naked, and whimpering on the floor, swaying on hands and knees.

"Anything I can do?" Rand asked.

Kane started a swift motion, and Rand spread the fingers of his right hand. "You're wearing pretty guns, mate."

The gambler's eyes had flicked over him, over the worn butt of the .44 with a tied-back trigger, the holster thumped low. Past him, the woman crawled to the bed and dragged a sheet off it.

"Well?" Rand had asked.  
"No," Kane answered. "Some-  
where, some time. Not now."

Sally had the sheet around her.  
"Please—I thank you, but—"

Kane said it over his shoulder:  
"Tell him."

"I'm his—woman," she recited.  
"He can do whatever he wants to  
me."

It was like something memorized  
from a book.

"You heard," Kane said.  
"I heard, and I don't like her  
teacher. They say you're a gambler,  
mister; you won't take a chance on  
those fancy guns."

Kane's hard face didn't change. "I  
don't try to fill inside straight,  
either. I wait for a better hand."

"Afraid?" Rand threw the word at  
him.

"No," Kane said. "Not afraid."

Rand believed him. Believing, he  
knew the man would try to kill him,  
as he had said—somewhere, some  
time.

"I'm sorry for you," Rand said to  
the woman, and backed down the  
hall to his own room.

In a minute, the whimpering started  
again, mixed with savage grunting  
and leather slaps on naked flesh.  
Rand got up and went outside into  
the cool, clean air. He stood there a  
long time, until he thought it would  
be finished. Then he went back up-  
stairs and slept with his gun under  
his pillow.

The deputy refilled a tin cup  
against the bars and Rand opened  
his eyes.

"Chew down," Jeff said.

There were beans fried in meat  
drippings and chuck-wagon biscuits.  
Their smell made Rand's stomach  
twitch. "Just the coffee," he said.

Jeff lifted a sunbleached eyebrow.  
"Kane's eatin'."

"Just coffee," Rand said.

Jeff poured it from a smoke-  
blackened pot. "With a gun rep like  
you got, seems you oughta' have  
more sand. You ain't no closer to  
dyin' now, than you was in that Lan-  
cosh county war."

"I had my gun, then."

"Fella' named Jellison didn't have a  
gun, either."

"I didn't kill him."

"You said that. Only the jury be-  
lieved Kane."

Rand turned away with the tin  
cup. "Go beg him for his boots some  
more."

Jeff whinnied. "I ain't beggin' no  
harder than you."

The coffee was black and bitter,  
and brought sweat beading out on  
Rand's forehead. He sipped at it,

and thought how he should have left  
town, after that first night.

But he had stayed, maybe to find  
out why a woman would let Kane  
beat her like that. Sure, Sally was a  
dance-hall girl, but everybody didn't  
live the kind of life they wanted to.  
No more than Rand Abel did. Sally's  
body was for hire, just as his gun  
was. And maybe she didn't like it,  
either.

He had seen that look in her eyes,  
that kind of glassy stare a colt got,  
with a broken leg. With a horse, you  
put the .44 to his head and squeezed  
the trigger, once. What did you do  
about a woman?

Rand stayed in Tombstone for  
weeks, trying to think it out. A cat-  
tle war was building up, over the  
mountains, north of Prescott, and  
people there needed Rand Abel's  
gun. But he put off leaving.

Kane watched him, and he watch-  
ed Kane. Rand came to know a little  
of the gambler's makeup, sensed the  
fever eating at the man.

He saw gambling was a sickness  
in Kane, that he drove his luck with-  
out mercy. He came to understand  
that fear held Sally, the gut-wrench-  
ing fear a mistreated horse had for a  
cruel master.

Secure in that fear, Kane left town  
one afternoon, and when he was  
gone, Rand went into Sally's room.  
At first she shied away, like a wild  
mare. He gentled her, talking easily  
and not touching her until she was  
used to the sound of his voice.

When he did put his hand on her,  
she trembled all over, and cried  
little-girl tears against his shoulder.  
He waited for her to sob out the fear  
and taste of Kane Wilder. When it  
was all gone, she lifted her face.

Sally's mouth was soft, asking  
gentleness and affection. Men had  
bought her body, but she hadn't  
given it before. She gave it to Rand,  
offering her breasts to pillow his  
face, presenting the beauty of her  
tapered legs. The bare, warming hips  
made a quenching cup for the thirst  
of his body.

Later, she cried again. Not from  
hurt and sorrow, but as women cry  
when they are very happy. And  
Rand Abel was happy with her. It  
had been more than satisfying a  
need, more than a brief ecstasy.  
They had found something im-  
portant, something that would never  
go away.

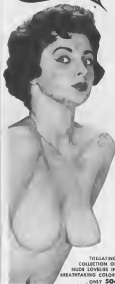
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other gunmen. There had been pain  
and loneliness for them both, and

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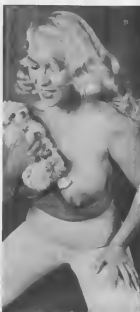
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The little white poodle in the two pictures at bottom left if you can tear your eyes away from Jackie's fascinating face and equally fascinating 35-inch bosom, is named Petit Gaseon Blanc, which translates into Little White Gaseon. He's still a baby. The two disheveled puppies sharing Jackie's bed (lucky dogs!) are named

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A high school graduate, she reads novels in digest form, smokes and drinks socially and is an excellent performer, in a pool, on a horse or a tennis court. A good cook, she can bake you a cake, cook a roast or spaghetti to perfection and has a nice touch with barbecued chicken. In fact, her one drawback seems to be an inability to get ready to go anywhere without spending a couple of hours getting ready—even though the event be an informal one. "I can't bear not to be pretty in public," she offers by way of explanation. As if Jackie could be anything else! 



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now it was gone. They talked softly, planning, until the flame grew in them again, and their bodies sought each other. It was better, deep and earth-shaking, now that they understood.

In the morning, Kane Wilder came back to town. Alkali dust was thick on him as he looked first at Sally and Rand, next at their suitcase on the floor.

Rand spread his fingers over the butt of the .44. "Sally is leaving with me."

"Did she say that?"

Sally held her chin up. "I'm not afraid of you any more, Kane."

Kane's eyes were reptilian, unblinking, and Rand thought he had been pushed over the line, that now he would go for the pearl-handled guns He didn't.

"All right," Kane said.

Rand hadn't understood, then. He hadn't known about the posse just pushing their lathered ponies into town. When the lawmen banged into the saloon behind their rifles, Kane lifted his hands.

"You got us," he said. "Sorry my horse ain't fast as Abel's; I mighta had time to wash up, too."

Marshal Thorne was a weathered man with faded blue eyes. He pointed them at Rand. "Heard you was in my territory, Abel. Keep your hand still."

"What's he talking about—Kane, I mean?"

Thorne lifted Rand's gun. "He's talkin' sense. We trailed two horses here."

Rand blinked. "Mine is in the stable."

"Yeah," Kane said. "Lathered up—just like mine."

After that, things were blurred. When he looked around for Sally, she was gone, and she didn't show up at the trial. Rand Abel was a hired gun; there was the evidence of his hard-riden pony, the .44 holes in a man named Jellies.

Kane Wilder made it all sound logical—that he'd paid Rand for the job, and gone along to help; that they had gambled on getting away. They had lost, Kane swore, and that was that.

"Hey?"

Rand twisted on his bunk.

"Hey?" Kane yelled again. "Makin' your will, Rand?"

Rand didn't answer.

"Mine's finished," Kane said. "I will Jeff here my boots. But he's gotta wait until tomorrow."

"That's right good of you," the deputy said.

Rand came to his feet, sticky in the afternoon heat, dry-mouthed. "I thought it out, Kane. You took my horse with you when you killed Jellies. One of your flunkies grabbed Sally and hid her somewhere. You had it all planned, to pin on me. Only the marshal was too quick. You saw he had you, and you took me with you."

Kane laughed. "He's ravin' again, Jeff."

"Fellas like him can't think, less'n they're behind a gun," Jeff said.

Rand talked on. "It was Sally. You couldn't stand losing her, and you didn't have the guts to face me."

"Listen to who's talkin' about guts," Kane said.

"Big gambler," Rand spat. "You're only a cheap fisher, afraid to bet your life. You're no gambler."

There was no laughter in Kane's voice now. It was then and hissing through his teeth. "I am a gambler, damn you. Ask anybody!"

Rand laughed, for the first time since the judge had pronounced sentence. "You're a gutless cheapskate. You couldn't sit at the same table with real gamblers like Masterson and Hardin. They'd laugh you out of town."

"Here, now," Jeff cut in. "Kane's a first rate poker player. Why—he'll bet on most anything."

"It's false," Rand said. "Admit it, Kane—tell him what a phony you are. Tell Jeff you almost believed you were a big gambler, because deep down you're a nothing. I know that now. And you know it, too, Kane."

"Shot up!" Kane screamed. "Shot up, shot up! I knew you when you came to the door. I know how fast you were with that gun. No—I wouldn't buck a cold dead like that. But who took the last pot, gamslick—who took the last pot?"

Rand shook the cell door. "Hope you like his boots, Jeff. He wasn't man enough to fill them. He wasn't even man enough to keep his woman."

Kane was choking on his own poison, on the raging madness that boiled out in the open at last.

The deputy flinched back from Kane's cell, staring at the man's foam-wet mouth, the wild eyes.

"You don't know," Kane raved. "I upped the pot, and you don't know what the blue clasp's worth. I'll hang laughin' like hell. You'll hang, too, wonderin' why I laughed. But other people will know, and they'll say 'lookin' here, wasn't that Kane Wilder the damndest gambler ever'... they'll say that..."

they'll know..."

The words blurred away into meaningless snarls. Kane was gibbering, not making sense. He had crouched far back in some dark corner of a deserted room. When night swept cool in from the desert, Kane curled on the floor to sleep, and yapped and bled at the air in his mad dreams.

It was hopeless, Rand thought. Whatever Kane had meant about the upping the pot, he'd never tell anybody now, he couldn't. There would be no fresh start with Sally, no calm years waiting for them where they were both unknown. Rand's future would end, at sunrise.

He sat sleepless through the night, and when he at last went to the window, he made out a film of dew on the galleons. Sun reached out for it, and Rand knew the time was here.

Kane Wilder would go first, but whatever had made him walk and talk like a man was already dead.

Jeff came yawning into the corridor and looked into Kane's cell. "He said I could have 'em Beckon. I'd be all right to get 'em now? I don't like to think about pullin' them boots off a dead man's feet."

"He don't care," Rand said.

Marshal Thorne came, with other men behind him. "You comin', Jeff?"

"Seen too many necktie parties already, marshal. He saved me his boots, and I'm gonna sit here and look at 'em."

"You went to a lot of trouble for those boots," Rand said. "Think they'll fit?"

Jeff stroked the leather. "Be a shame if they don't."

They tied Rand's wrists behind him, and stood him aside to knot things over Kane's hands, too. Kane was blank-eyed, his mouth loose.

Then they were together in the dew-fresh morning. Thorne pushed Kane up the steps and stood him on the trap. The hangman put a sack over Kane's head, and slipped the noose over his neck. Kane swayed there. Rand looked away, and thought he heard a laugh cut suddenly short.

When Kane was cut down and carried away, Rand watched the soiled dust of the prison yard. Marshal Thorne touched his shoulder. "Your turn."

The gallow's steps were firmly built, soundless under his boot heels as they had been under Kane's stockinged feet. The sun was turning the desert pink. The hangman offered the sack.

Rand shook his head. "I want to look."

He smelled the talcum they'd rubbed into the rope so it wouldn't catch, so it would slide easy and tight. Stuff fibers pushed at his throat, and the big knot was solid under his left ear.

He was alone on the scaffold.

Marshal Thom's tired voice floated up. "Last words?"

Rand shook his head again. Words were no good now.

He heard the hangman step up to the trap lever.

Now it was coming.

Now.

"Wait! Godakes, marshal—wait!"

Jeff leap-frogged across the prison yard, running crazily. One foot was bare, the other with a boot on it. He was wearing something.

Thom held the piece of paper close and moved his lips as he read it. After many ages went by, he looked up at Rand. "Buy you a drink," he said.

They had to help Rand down the steps because his knees had come untinged, and Jeff propped him into the office chair.

"Kane Wilder," the marshal explained. "Wrote a confession and stuck it in a boot toe. Figured Jeff wouldn't try 'em on until you and him was both dead. It says this Sally is his out."

The air had never been so sweet. Sally.

"That Kane Wilder," Jeff said. "Had to go out like a gumbler, bet-on? I would wait for the ceremonies to get over. Hell, I seen too many."

"That's what he meant," Rand said, "about upping the pot. My life was the blue chip."

Marshal Thom rubbed a leathery hand over his face. "I ain't sayin' 'excuse me'. You stay in Arizona very long, I'll have to hang you anyway. Here's your gun, and the paper that tells where to find the woman."

Rand looked at the gunbelt, at the note in the marshal's other hand. "Just the paper, marshal."

Thom's faded blue eyes looked into his. "Not the gun?"

Jeff rubbed a boot against the leg of his colorless Levi's. "That old 44 ain't worth much, but I could get maybe two dollars for it—"

"No," Rand said. "Put it in Kane Wilder's grave."

"Looks here—"

"Shut up and do like he says, Jeff!" The marshal said. Thom: "Reckon I won't be seem' you again?"

"No," Rand said.

But Sally would. One life had ended up on that gallows. It was time to start another one.



When a Zulu come home to  
cleansc himself of sin, the  
party lasted for days

# Wiping the Axe

by FRANK COE

**F**ROM THE BEGINNING of time, there have been many strange customs in many lands, but perhaps the most unusual of all was that of the Zulus known as "wiping the axe."

Before the subjugation of South Africa by the British, the Zulus were a great military empire occupying thousands of square miles of land and dominating many subject peoples. From scattered warring clans their great King Chaka ruthlessly welded them into a powerful nation with war and conquest as their principal aim in life. Their warfare was merciless, and slaughter was the rule of the day with every warrior eager to hurl the barbed tip of his assegai into the blood of an enemy—man, woman or child.

Yet, when the victorious warriors returned to their kraals or villages, every man who had killed an enemy was, strangely enough, considered unclean. He was bound by many taboos, including restrictions as to what he could eat and drink. Most important of all, he was barred from all social life in the villages until he had purified himself. This purification ceremony was known as "wiping the axe."

The ceremony itself was quite simple. The unseen warrior stopped the first unmarried woman, not of his immediate family, whom he met and asked her to have sexual intercourse. The woman was duty bound to submit and the act was consummated immediately upon the spot. There was no moral stigma attached to this act and, immediately upon its completion, the warrior was reinstated to full equality among his people. If the woman became pregnant, then the warrior paid a fine

of three cows to her father.

The meeting of the warrior and the woman with whom he "wiped the axe" was supposed to be accidental. However, it was not too difficult for a warrior and his girl-friend to arrange to be in the right place at the right time for their "accidental meeting."

After the destruction of the mighty Ndwendwe nation, Chaka assembled his regiments before him. Opposite them he paraded regiments of maidens. The maiden regiments were composed of unmarried girls and young women and seemed to serve no purpose other than parading, dancing and, perhaps, royal prostitution.

Chaka commanded the warriors for their valor in the late war. Since they had slain many thousands of enemies, there were many "axes to be wiped." As there was soon to be a great victory celebration in which Chaka wanted the entire Zulu nation to participate, the warriors were immediately released from all further duty for two nights and a day while they purified themselves with the young women of the maiden's regiments.

What a great roar of approval went up as the eager warriors looked on and raced to nearby huts to deposit their weapons and shields! Back they pounded, shouting lustily, to seize the waiting maidens in their arms and carry them off to convenient spots. Never before or since in the history of the Zulu nation had there been such an "axe wiping."

After the final Zulu war in 1886, the custom disappeared. Sadly, it is now remembered only in the tales of Zulu greatness which old men tell the young.





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begin to pour.

"Would you put one of those in a saucer?"

"In a saucer?"

"He can't get his tongue inside a shot glass."

The bartender lowered the bottle. "Son, I suffer from a rare impairment of the sense of sight. It's a kind of single vision, you might say. Like, if there's two people in front of me, I only see one. So, if you'll point out the location of your friend..."

Mike extended his left fist, index finger crooked at right angles, and pointed downward.

The barman hoisted himself up on the counter, leaned forward and found himself staring into unblinking yellow eyes just below the level of the bar. After perhaps fifteen seconds, he carefully retreated, shuddered violently, then filled two glasses.

"On the house," he said quietly. "But do me a favor? You and your friend drink up and get the hell out—quick!"

"Why, that's generous!" Mike said amiably. "But how about that

saucer?"

"NO!" Then in an agony of terror as a low growl rumbled up from the other side of the bar, he whispered, "Speed is of the essence. My nerves—I can't hold out much longer!"

Mike obediently hurried his drink, then pried open the lion's jaws and, tilting its head, poured the other shot down its throat.

At the door, Mike paused. "Thanks, again. But with your attitude, it's no wonder your customers walk out."

The bartender slammed and locked the door behind his departing guests. After which, he returned to the bar and methodically drank himself into a stupor.

MIKE AND HIS companion emptied several bars in this fashion. Unfortunately, the attendants vanished along with the patrons and by the time they reached Barney's the two were suffering from a thirst of heroic proportions.

Barney's was a small bar sandwiched between a leathery cocktail lounge and a hotel whose marquee announced dining and dancing and cocktails in the Crystal Room. Evidently, Barney's, overshadowed by its more sophisticated neighbors, was a sipping in a dense forest slowly perishing from a dearth of monetary sunshine. A large gentleman with an Ernie Kovacs mustache stood behind the bar chatting with a lone woman—the only customer. He

evidenced no surprise when the oddly assorted pair walked in.

Mike, who was beginning to be troubled by a vague sense of not being wanted, took the stool next to the girls. The lion settled between them.

"Evening," the bartender said.

"What'll you have?"

"Two double bourbons."

Mike experienced a sudden pleasant sensation of warmth when the barman asked, "Want one of those in a saucer?"

Mike placed the saucer on the floor before swallowing his drink.

"Two more. Or better yet—with no motive other than to reestablish some sort of rapport with humankind—I'd like to buy a drink for everyone present."

"Oh, no." She was about twenty, and her eyes were black and animated, and her short blue-black hair curled charmingly about a small but pretty face. "Thanks, but I don't hold liquor very well. I come in here only to keep Uncle Barney company. I nurse one drink all evening. I hope you don't mind."

"Not at all. I don't suffer from that particular brand of silly sensitivity."

She smiled, and Mike decided that this was the prettiest girl he had ever seen. Not flamboyantly beautiful like Catherine, she was far more attractive. She gave the impression of inexhaustible vitality. Without staring directly, but utilizing a practiced peripheral vision, he verified his suspicion that the rest of her was just as appealing, ethetically, as her face.

Quite aware of his admiring inspection, she said, "On second thought, I'd like to join you."

Barney poured drinks all around—one in a saucer.

"What's his name?"

"Buddy, I guess. That's what I've been calling him all evening."

She scratched the beast in a sensationally delicate spot at the base of the skull. Buddy, purring like a perfectly tuned engine, ecstatically rubbed his head against her leg—an operation Mike watched with considerable envy.

"Where did he come from?"

Mike spread his arms. "Beats me. Wherever lions come from Africa—MGM—somewhere. He's a pretty disreputable character. Tipple, you know. Worse, he cadges drinks. I'm Mike Heller."

"I'm Leanne Montclair."

"That's a pretty name. 'My treasure.'"

"Oh? You speak French?"

"A little. I taught myself out of



"Oh for God's sake, Alfred, quit musing!"

books and I see all the Brigitte Bardot movies in order to improve my accent. But how about you? Your English doesn't smell at all of French. Are you from France?"

She laughed. "New Hampshire. My folks are French-Canadian— from Quebec. They think I'm staying with Barney, but being a loose-living bachelor, he means we'd swamp each other's style if we shared an apartment. My parents would have a fit if they knew I lived alone."

ABOUT ELEVEN o'clock, Buddy's pants began to slide outward, the gods slipping helplessly on the polished tile, until his belly and chin came slowly but inexorably to rest on the floor. His eyes closed, and his body spread out like a rug.

"Party-peeper," Mike accused. "Poor thing, he's passed out," Leone said, concerned. "What are you going to do with him?"

"He's me," Mike scratched his head. "I was going to get a hotel room, but I'd never sneak Buddy past the desk—not in his condition."

"Leave him at my place?"

"Thanks, but I couldn't. Buddy's my responsibility."

"Nonsense. I live in a guest cottage that backs on an alley. We can get him in without upsetting the neighbors."

LEONIE TOOK SEVERAL pounds of sodden lion into the back seat of an automobile presents an engineering problem of no small magnitude. Between the three of them, however, and with the aid of a hand truck they finally solved it.

"Thank you can manage between the two of you?" Barney inquired.

"Sure," Mike said.

"If you need help, call me and I'll close up."

THE NEXT AM revived Buddy somewhat. When they reached Leonie's cottage, he was able, with some assistance, to effect a wobbly negotiation of the short concrete walk and the single step into the house. Once inside, he collapsed in the middle of the living room and fell sound asleep.

Leonie knelt and stroked his head. "I hope he doesn't get sick."

"Maybe I should stay."

"No."

"Something could go wrong you couldn't handle alone."

"No."

"Suppose he wakes up with a hangover—he might be pretty mean."

"The answer is still no."

"You're not afraid of me?" Mike challenged. "Why, that's absurd. How could I possibly harm you?"

"Offhand, I can think of robbery, murder, rape." She sat in an armchair, kicked off her shoes and tucked her legs under her. "Actually, I don't believe you capable of anything like that. But if I let you stay, you'd get only one impression, and you'd feel honor-bound as a male to act on it. I'd hate to spend the night delending my virtue."

"I admit I was thinking along those lines. But since you've made your position clear, I promise to confine my nocturnal activities to wooing Morpheus—not you."

"How do I know you'll keep your promise?"

"How can you doubt me? Animals, like children, come equipped with a kind of moral radar that detects, through the most ingenious camouflage, any shoddiness of the inner being." Mike indicated the unconscious lion. "Buddy's instinctive attachment to me attests infallibly to my sterling character."

"All right," Leone said, laughing. "On the character reference of a besotted lion, you can stay. But remember your promise."

"I'll remember," Mike said glumly. "And may the gods forgive our failure to improve this shining hour."

He brushed a toothbrush and repaired to the bathroom. Having showered, then dried himself, he pulled on his trousers and, carrying the rest of his clothes, returned to the living room where Leone had made his bed on theavenport.

"I haven't any pajamas to lend you," she apologized.

"That's okay." Mike began to shed his trousers. "I always sleep raw anyway."

Leonie fled to the bathroom.

SHE EMERGED, twenty minutes later, wearing a dressing gown of some jersey-like material that clung with eye-pleasing fidelity to the essential girl beneath. With unconcealed admiration, Mike observed her easy flowing movements as she went around patting out the lights until only one remained. She paused, with her hand on the switch.

"Any last thing you want?"

"Nothing you're inclined to give," Mike growled.

Leonie sighed. "I told you my up-bringing was very strict. My parents have drummed the conventions into me all my life. Mike, you can't dabble in a few hours the de-

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Eventually, the zoo attendants dress off with Buddy, the newspapermen left to file their stories, and the policemen returned to their proud cars.

The sergeant was lost to leave. He passed on the threshold, eyed Mike's bedspread tags "Beware the lies of March, Julius," he said solemnly and closed the door.

ALONE AT LAST, Mike and Leonie looked at each other. Her eyes were full of tears.

"Oh, Mike, what will they do with Buddy? They won't put him away, will they?"

Mike drew her into his arms. "Of course not, baby. He's too valuable to be killed just for going AWOL."

She allowed herself to be held and consoled, and after a while she said, "Mike. Those men didn't believe a word About us, I mean. They think you know."

"I'm sorry, Leonie. If there's anything I can do to make amends."

Leonie tilted her head to look at him. "You know, it's funny, but somehow it doesn't seem important any more. Mike—" She seemed suddenly, oddly breathless. "Remember what you said? About missing me? I mean?"

A daring burst of enterprise on Mike's part made her gasp.

"I wouldn't dream of holding you to it, but—"

"Mike!"

"I mean, if you—if I—I mean, as long as I'm compensated anyway."

"Oh, Mike!"

ALL DAY IN HIS cage, Buddy sleeps in the sunlight, totally ignoring the rough animals who poke through the bars. Nights, like any healthy male lion, he roars at the lady lions. He leads, in about the normal life of any wild animal in captivity. In one respect, however, his way of living differs significantly from that of his fellow zoo-dwellers. Every Sunday he gets roaring drunk on beer-bus bootlegged by a young couple who have found a way to sneak in after regular hours. While he boozes the girl scratches the base of his skull and the man runs a peacock head along his spine out to the tip of his tail in the most delightful manner, so that he really can't help getting like a euphoric sewing-machine.

My and Miss Helmer later shamelessly to his weaknesses.

Buddy is, undoubtedly, the only alcoholic lion in captivity. But, with his endless supply of gag, he is, by all odds, also the happiest.

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giving moon, and remarked:

"Oh, moon, thou art full. But you  
aren't a damn bit ahead of me."

This penchant for the "ben mot", even when directed against himself, enabled English to exalt himself into the job of District Attorney in 1887. Holding that trying, unpopular post for three terms, English did not always emerge from the rigors of his office, "winner and still champion." Neither did he in private practice.

While defending an Italian charged with murder, English pointed for the jury a worn picture of the man's poor, aged mother in far-off Italy, her heart bleeding for her son who was surely "not a bad boy. Just a trifle emotional."

One of the jurors wept so freely that the judge had to call a recess.

"Ah," mused the irrepressible English, "at the very least I shall get a hung jury."

But when the twelve good men

returned, they announced for conviction. Later English learned that the juror who had responded so damply to the sad portrait of a decrepit old lady pleading for her son's life was the very one who had whipped the jury into voting conviction.

In his halcyon days, Allen English had the finest home in Tombstone. His was the first house in that staid city from which guests could view the shootings of the day through plate glass windows.

Along with his fine house, English acquired three wives who unanimously divorced him for his alcoholic instability. By his first wife, he had two sons. Both boys became Annapolis graduates, one of them accompanying Admiral Richard E. Byrd on his second Antarctic expedition.

By Anne Walsh, his second spouse, daughter of the owner of the Cas Can Restaurant, English had another son. His third wife, a New Orleans belle, gave him wealth and another divorce decree.

A prodigal spender, English was always in financial trouble. He made \$80,000 from the Emerald Silver Mine at Tombstone. He acquired \$84,000 more by selling his interest in the Black Diamond copper mine

near Pearce, Arizona. With these princely sums, he traveled to Boston where his family helped him pour the money down devious rat-holes of high living.

Back in Tombstone, he was trying a case before Judge Fred A. Sutter. During the proceedings, Judge Sutter found it necessary to fine English five dollars for contempt.

"Say, Judge," English countered, assuming a confidential air. "I'm broke. Lend me five, will you?" Judge Sutter remitted the fine.

As the years raced forward, the record becomes cloudy—though why it should is somewhat of a mystery since the facts are clear for any careful researcher.

C. L. Sonnichsen, author of Billy King's Tombstone, declares that English moved to Bisbee in 1892 at the time the Cochise County court house was transferred from Tombstone. The writer further declares that in Bisbee, while sleeping off a drunk in a vacant lot, the lawyer attracted the notice of a casual observer. That worthy reported him dead. Doubtfully, Sonnichsen says, the Tucson and Bisbee papers printed that as fact.

According to Sonnichsen, Allen R. English, outspoken but seldom out-talked, rode off this earthly range at age seventy-seven on November 8, 1907. It must have been his ghost who had, during eleven years, been living on a pension supposedly supplied by the Calumet and Arizona Mining Company to whom English had, in times past, contributed a valuable favor.

Actually, Allen English died on September 13, 1906, as reported by the Tombstone Epitaph of September 16. Following services in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Bisbee, the redoubtable lawyer was laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery. The late Judge Albert M. Sames supplied a fitting funeral oration.

Said Judge Sames, "English was one who was designed by nature for leadership among men and in his chosen profession. He was singularly endowed with a fine physique and with exceptional qualities of mind. The weakness and infirmities of later years have not obscured his reputation and achievements in the earlier days of his career—as a lawyer, public man, and citizen."

The fact that historians have added eleven years to the saga of Allen English is a distinct tribute to the force of personality that caused this loaded lawyer to write his name indelibly in the annals of the West.

Allen



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# Adam's tales



## SOUNDS LOGICAL

The sages say that the real reason gentlemen prefer blondes is because they get dirty more rapidly.

## SURE — WHY NOT?

Elaine swears she's never slept with a man, necked, petted or even been kissed.

"Well, wouldn't you swear, too?"

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## YOU CAN'T WIN!

The handsome movie producer got home just in time for breakfast, and his wife furiously demanded that he tell her exactly what he'd been doing.

"Well," he said, "I was in a story conference last night that lasted until nearly midnight. Since it was so late, I offered to drive that cute new secretary of mine home, and when we got to her apartment, she asked me in for a nightcap, then invited me to spend the night with her. So I did."

"Don't try to pull the wool over my eyes, buster," said his wife with a snort. "You've been out playing poker with the boys again!"

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## FRUSTRATED!

There was once a hillbilly from the backwoods of Tennessee who visited Memphis for the first time. Since he frequented the saloon at his downtown hotel, he became friendly with a traveling salesman, and, one evening, asked the salesman if he couldn't inform him where he could have a really good time.

"Glad to oblige," said the salesman, scribbling an address on a scrap of paper. "You take a cab to this address and ask for Madam. She'll fix you up."

Coming downstairs for breakfast the following morning, the salesman saw his hillbilly pal in the hotel dining room and inquired how he made out.

"Didn't," said the countryman. "What went wrong?" the other asked. "Couldn't you find the address I gave you?"

"Oh," replied the hillbilly, "I found it okay. But I had to spend the whole night on the front steps."

"How come?" asked the astonished salesman.

"Nuthin' else to do," replied the huck. "The red light didn't change all night!"

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## ALL RIGHT — WHAT?

After a long evening of defensive warfare in a Porsche parked on Hollywood's Mulholland Drive, Mary finally got her lips clear to protest to her amorous date, "Don't you know what good clean fun is?"

"No," said the swain, "what fun is it?"

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## SHARPSHOOTING

The Indian maiden is no more.

The big buck didn't spare her. However the maiden, now a widow, has fun with beads and error!

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## NOCTURNAL ENCOUNTER

I sneaked upstairs, with shoes in hand,

Just as the night took wing. And saw my wife, four steps ahead, Doing the same damn thing!

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"Don't let the moonlight fool on you. It causes babies. And that's not just a primitive superstition — the jungle is loaded with men tonight!"

# HOT CASSEROLE

Myrtle: were you entertaining a man in the kitchen last night?  
Myrtle: Well, ma'am, I was doing my very best!



## STAMPED!

It was hot, and the Rural Free Delivery postman yielded to temptation when he passed the old swimming hole, parked his car, stripped by the pondside and dived in for a cooling dip. However, the water was so refreshing that he stayed in longer than he had planned and, when he did emerge, all of his clothing had been stolen except for his uniform cap.

As he was trying to figure a way out of the dilemma, he heard feminine voices approaching. Picking up the grey cap, he clapped it over his private parts just in the nick of time. Two spinsters ladies came strolling round the bend and both uttered loudly at his embarrassment as they strolled by.

"If you were ladies," cried the outraged postman, "you wouldn't laugh."

"And if you were a gentleman," reported one of the old maids, "you'd tip your hat!"



## REAL CRAZY, MAN!

A wildly dissipated playboy got word from his physician that he was going to have to straighten out or drop dead. So, the first week, he dropped cigars; the second week he swore off liquor; the third week he cut out women. The fourth week he began to cut out paper dolls!

## THEY'RE SO RIGHT!

Pido and Towzer ran into each other at a busy intersection in Chicago's Loop. Pido said, "What are you doing downtown?"

"I'm sweating my date," replied Towzer.

"That's odd," remarked Pido. "I'm in the same boat." Thinking to pass the time, he added, "What does your date look like, old dog?"

"Oh," replied Towzer, "she's an adorable little poodle, with cinnamon curls and the cutest little pom-pom on the tip of her tail!"

"Hmmm," said Pido. "And does she have a slight limp in her left hind leg?"

"That's right."

"And does she squint her right eye?"

"How did you know?" Towzer asked.

"Because she's the same pup I'm waiting for, old dog."

"Holy smoke!" cried an outraged Towzer. "Aren't hitches women?"

## YOU-HOO!

I have a husband who is rich.

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"LAY OFF! LADY!"

## DIRTY CHES!

After the divorce evidence was all in, the judge said to the last defendant, "My dear young lady, it certainly looks to me as if you've deceived your husband!"

"I deceived him!" cried the outraged wife. "He deceived me! How can you trust a man who tells you he's leaving town for the weekend when he never even goes?"





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shame between them, knew it was not the time for killing. Not then.

A long time ago, Sink said to himself and sighed. Then he smiled at the sound. I'm getting like Sophy, he thought. He eased the car into gear and pulled away from the curb. The drive wouldn't be a long one but he wanted to make it last. Ever since the desk had awakened him in the afternoon with the brief message, "bring in Yankowski," he had wanted time to think.

Automatically, he had asked, "you got a summons or you just want him for questioning?"

"Summons," the lieutenant had said. "Assault, criminal. I think we can get him on rape, too and maybe conspiracy. Depends on the witnesses. You know broads. They'll give you an affidavit when they're made and then they'll clam up in court. Anyway, I think we got enough on that bastard to set him back five years. Get him, Sink."

It should have been a good feeling but it wasn't. Johnny Yank, small-time hoodlum just edging in to big-time. Extortionist, thug, procurer on a state-wide scale. It should have been a good feeling to bust a guy like that. But at the moment Sink felt like he had a stomach full of bad sausage.

It wasn't Sophy's cooking. It was hate that gripped his bowel. Not just the dull leathery that had accumulated over the years, interest on the loan of shame he had borrowed from Yankowski years ago. It wasn't the guilt he still felt every time a drunken or hopped-up prostitute got booked and told them she worked for Johnny Yank. Nor was it the anger that rose in him when he passed Johnny's house in the suburbs and saw Johnny's slim, dark-haired wife, Alice, sitting home alone, night after night, pretending that the world was good for her kids.

It was something else that twisted in his tripe. It was wanting to know if it was true, as the lieutenant had said, that Johnny Yank had made Wanda Markowa—his girl, Wanda—a whore!

In his mind he heard the voice of the lieutenant telling him how the case had broken: one of Johnny's new girls, prompted by the oldest

motive in the world—sheer female jealousy—told her story at headquarters because Johnny had kicked her out to work and had installed Wanda in his shack.

Was it possible, Sink asked himself. First the mother for—how long?—maybe two years, while Wanda was a kid in convent school. Then the mother slashed her wrists one morning and Wanda came home to take care of her old man for a while. It was said that she got to talk to her mother for a little but before she died. Nobody knew why Wanda's mother killed herself. Nobody but Sink and Johnny and a dozen other boys. And maybe, he added to himself, Wanda. Again he wondered, was it possible? Could it be true? Was there something in the Markowa women—what had Sophy called it, a snake?—something that Johnny saw, that Johnny knew how to find? Was it there in every woman, in every man? He shuddered.

He hadn't seen much of Wanda as a young girl. Her old man sent her back to the convent school and then she went away to college. When she came back she was a beautiful young woman, cool, fragile, sensitive. She moved like a

Alice

running deer. Sink began to go with her and soon it was clear to everyone that they would become man and wife.

He shifted the handle of the pistol which was digging into his gut. That pistol, he remembered, he kept in the same drawer which contained the plain, honest little rock he had planned to put on Wanda's finger. How was it possible, he asked himself. Surely, there must be some mistake.

Still. Wanda, always caught up in her job as a city welfare worker.

Lately she had been working doubly hard. No, she couldn't see him that night. No, nor the next. Would he please try to understand. She was tired, terribly tired. So much to do... please understand...

A growl rose in Sink's throat for the second time that night but it emerged as a moan.

He was almost there. He parked his car and looked along the street for the uniform man on the beat. That would be Fallon, a good man but—he made his decision.

He would do this alone. It was against regulations to make an arrest without notifying the patrolman but he didn't want anybody else around. Johnny might not be alone,



"Why do you hate me so much, Brown, when your wife likes me so much?"

there might be some of his junior thugs around. Good, Sink told himself. Let Johnny try to resist arrest, he told himself. Let him just once give it a try. He said it almost as a prayer.

The doorman of the riverfront apartment building looked at him with interest as he lumbered into the air-conditioned foyer. Then he dropped his eyes back to his murder registry as he caught the look on Sink's face. It took him a long time to get back to the book.

By the time he did, Sink was standing in front of Johnny's door. Yankowski opened the door himself, wearing an expensive maroon dressing gown of a kind popular in gangster movies twenty years ago. Bang as quickly as he had, in the underworld, Johnny hadn't yet had time to acquire taste.

"Well, if it isn't the house dick, Sink, buddy, come on in. Have a beer."

"Skip it," Sink said. His voice was almost a whisper. "I'm taking you in." He saw Johnny's face twitch and his hand moved uncertainly toward the pocket of his dressing gown.

"Put the hand in, I kill you," Sink said.

"What the hell is this," Johnny began. And then he made a mistake. His hand dived for the bundle of cash in his pocket. But the fingers never quite made it.

Moving with incredible speed for all his bulk, Sink raised his powerful right hand, fingers stiffened into a blade, and brought it crashing, axe-like into the curve between Johnny's neck and shoulder. The skin folded in quick pleats like a crumpled paper cup.

Pushing him aside, Sink entered the glittering apartment. It was large, brightly lighted and there was a swirl of smoke and whiskey in the air. Two pretty-faced hoeds lounged in easy chairs at the far end of the room, their eyes glued to a slim girl gracefully slithering refrigerator doors on a television set. Hearing footsteps over the pattern of one's speech:

"What gets to go next, Johnny?" "In losing track."

Sink stepped between them and shut off the set.

"Hey! What the—" "Get out," Sink said.

One of the hoeds, a feisty little man, started out of his chair fast but when he started to rise he found his feet against Sink's chest.

"I SAID GET OUT!" Sink roared.

The hoeds backed away from Sink

and started for the door. As they did so, a man stepped into a corridor that led from the living room to one of the bedrooms. He was undressed except for his shorts.

"Hey," he called, "what's all the racket?" Then he stopped. His gun took in the retreating hoeds, stepping awkwardly over Johnny's body still crumpled on the floor. Then he saw Sink leaning down on him like a steel safe on legs. He started to retreat to the bedroom.

"Don't move, dirt," Sink said. "Come out here and get with these other locs."

"But what—" "It's a pinch. Go. I said it. Go."

"But I ain't even got my clo's on for chrisakes—"

Sink grabbed him by the arm and threw him into the living room. "Get out," he ordered, wagging his great cigar-like finger at them as if they were school boys. "Get out. All."

He waited for the door to slam. Then he looked at Johnny just starting to stir on the floor and prodded him thoughtfully with the toe of his shoe. There was little response. He walked to the bedroom.

It wasn't so much a bedroom as it was an atelier, a workroom for Johnny's peculiarly nasty kind of work. There was a soft rug on the floor and mirrors running clear around the walls. Even the windows had mirrors over them on hinges so they could be opened. There were mirrors on the ceiling and against one wall was a movie projector aimed at a screen just beside the door. A whip lay on a chain.

When Sink stepped into the room the girl who lay naked on the bed didn't see him. The sheet was drawn up like a scarf between her bare legs and it passed between her small, pointed breasts. She chewed numbly on a corner of the sheet, her eyes fixed on the movie flickering on the wall.

Reflected on the mirrors behind her, Sink could see the inverted action on the screen. It consisted of a young woman exacting stereofidèle obedience from a large, smooth-haired dog.

Sink walked across the room and casually knocked the projector off its table. Then he flicked the lights up.

There was a wail from the bed. "Why'd you go and turn that off—?" She stopped.

"Wanda," Sink said.

"Oh, my God," she breathed. She started to sit up and then realized — turns to page 60

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that she was naked. She clawed at the sheet to cover herself. "Oh, my God," she repeated. I didn't want this to happen. Believe me, Sink, I swear to God, I never thought this would happen. I didn't want—I—I—" She began to laugh hysterically.

Sink shook her head. She covered her face with her hands, her elbows keeping the sheet tightly against her body and began to cry.

"Wanda, tell me about this," Sink said. "You got to tell me. How long has this been going on? What happened to you? What did he do to you?"

She continued to sob convulsively, rocking back and forth on her knees. Sink pried her hands loose from her face and he sat on the edge of the bed.

"Wanda," he said softly, "you've got to tell me. You don't want I should take you in."

"Yes," she cried. "Yes, yes, yes. Take me. Please, Sink. Take me. Shoot me...do anything!" She got hysterical again.

He waited for her to subside. When she appeared calmer he spoke to her. "Wanda there are doctors, you know—for when you are in trouble. Nobody has to know about this. You can get fixed up, it's no shame to be psycho—"

"Psycho!" she screamed and then started to laugh again. "Psycho! That's the funniest thing I ever heard. Would you call my mother psycho for what she did? Do you think I don't know all about that? You think she didn't tell me about that before she died, all the names, all the details—"

"Wanda, for God's sake, I've been trying all this time to make up—"

"Make up," she said scornfully. "You mean you wanted to marry me because you were ashamed? That's why!"

"Wanda, listen to me," Sink said. "Maybe in a way it was my fault your mother died, but not all my fault. But all the same I love you—"

"Love me!" she shouted. "Now I'm gonna tell you something, Mr. Policeman Sinkewicz, you want to know why my mother killed herself? Not because she was ashamed. But because Johnny Yank wouldn't come to her any more. Because he threatened to tell my father if she kept on pestering him. And I'll tell you something else I wanted to find out if I was like my mother so I let him take me out. A couple months ago I let him do what he wanted with me. And now I don't want him to stop. He found something inside of me I never knew was

there. He found an animal, he beat me like an animal, he made me—"

"Wanda! God forgive you, you don't know what you're saying."

"The hell I don't! You think I want to marry you? You think I want to live in a little wooden house and another your children and all the time I'd have to forget—forget about my mother, forget what's inside of me, forget about what Johnny knows how to do—!" She was standing up now, naked on the bed, her pale blonde hair streaming down over her face. Her thighs with their bruises and welts swayed before Sink's eyes. He reached out a hand to touch her and she shrieked.

"That's it. Touch me! Harder, harder, be a man! Here, I'll show you how!" She grasped his great hand and pressed it against her body.

"Wanda, for God's sake, not like this," Sink began. And then he heard Johnny's voice.

"Wanda, get away from him," Sink didn't turn around. He could see in the mirror that Johnny stood in the doorway. His face was twisted in pain. He held a revolver in his hand with the other hand around his wrist to steady it. The gun was pointed at Sink's back.

"Don't turn around, Sink," he said. "Wanda, get away from him."

The girl stood still, looking at Johnny. Her eyes were dull. "What are you going to do?" she asked.

"I'm going to kill him," Johnny said. "That's what you want isn't it? Isn't it Wanda? Wanda!" His voice rasped. "Are you my girl?"

"Yes," she said. "All right. Now get out of the way. Didn't you say you wished he was dead? Didn't you say that as long as he lives you're going to feel ashamed?"

She nodded her head. "Now I'm gonna take your shame away. From now on it's gonna be all right. Do you understand? Me and you from now on?" Ok?"

Johnny took a step forward and raised his gun. As he did so, Sink flung himself off the bed, reaching for his revolver as he hit the floor. But he was awkward with it and as he tried to pull it from his holster, Johnny stepped around the corner of the bed and fired.

There was a terrible wet slap of torn flesh and Wanda fell across the edge of the bed.

Sink crab-walked quickly and hooked his toes around Johnny's ankle, bringing the slim man to the ground.

Before Johnny could raise his pistol for another shot, Sink brought

the hard edge of his hand crushing down on the bridge of Johnny's nose. It was a killer blow and he meant to kill. He could feel the thin bones crush beneath his hand, could feel the edge of the sepium driving like a knife blade into Johnny's brain.

Then he looked up and saw that the whole side of Ward's face had been blown away.

WENT WITH ONE thing and another, it was a long time before Sink got done. He had to wait for the ambulance and then make a report for the coroner. He had to inventory Johnny's apartment for the records and when the whole business was done write the entry for the blotter in staid un-emotional departmentese. Finally, at about five in the morning he lay down on a cot in the squad room and went to sleep.

At eight he rose and went over to Johnny's house. He waited outside the house for a few minutes until he saw Johnny's wife, Alice, shoot the kids off to school. Then he rang the bell.

She knew who he was the moment she opened the door. And she knew why. She took it good, Sink thought. Considering the fact that she had been living in a nightmare and the nightmare was now over, she took it very good.

An hour later he called his mother.

"Bop," he said, "I'll be home in a little while."

"Where are you, by Alice Yumkowski?"

"Yeah. How'd you—"

"They got it on the radio. Listen, Jerry. I didn't want to tell you about Wanda but I knew it for several weeks. From the vegetable man I heard it. You know, he's got that Kauch kid who delivers for him—"

"Yeah, Sophy, forget it. It could happen to anybody."

"Is like I said," Sophy went on, "in everybody is like that, is bird and snake. So you shouldn't be too ashamed. You shouldn't punish yourself too long."

Sink gasped. Did she know everything? Had she always known? "Well," he said lamely, "I—I'll be home in a little while."

"Don't hurry Alice—I knew her name is good woman, Alice Good Polish woman. She was too strong for him. He couldn't turn her. Does she give you coffee?"

Sink smiled at the telephone and then at Alice who smiled nervously in return.

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The strippers, like Joanne Lewis (right), are exotic and ample of charm as well as talent, the comedians fast and blue with their jokes. But the act that draws the biggest gasps from a sophisticated night audience, already blasé through exposure to bare bosoms across the footlights, is the near-made adagio team of Alan Conroy and Mama Lanaro. Their daring and rhythmic acrobatics, coupled with Miss Lanaro's fantastic figure and Conroy's muscular virility as he makes her "fly through the air with the greatest of ease" leave the customers limp.

Although the old Minsky burlesque shows in New York and Union City and elsewhere were cheaply put together, generally tawdry shows that depended upon the strip-star appeal of Gypsy Rose Lee and others, since coming to the Dunes and Vegas some years ago, Harold Minsky has shed the family spots. Given the time, money and resources to produce the sort of show he really likes to put on, he has managed to rival the famed Broadway extravaganzas of the late Earl Carroll, who was famed throughout the 1920's for the taste, beauty, expense and glamour of his revues.

But Harold still believes in keeping his shows hot. In the intensely competitive atmosphere of the world's gambling capital, he has to go his revues one or two better or go out of business. To date, thanks to the steam his performers generate, business at the Dunes has been fine! 



Not in Vegas? Near-made Joanne Lewis cools comely curves in onstage jousons.





# Letters to Adam



## THE OLD EVE

I read in your column in the back of ADAM about OWING Robb's desire to see some magazines about "Eve". I have some old issues of "Eve" and the other magazines I believe Mrs. Robb will be interested in. I would be glad to hear from her on this matter. My husband and I buy ADAM and enjoy it very much.

Mrs. Hannah Johnson  
San Jose, Cal.

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## MARY, MARY...

My name is Mary Nesbitt, and I would like very much to be a model.



I am 22 years old, a brunette all the way, stand five feet four inches without high heels and measure 35-22-35. I hope your readers and you, dear Lethar, will

agree that I have a chance, because it means so very much to me.

Mary Nesbitt  
Tallahassee, Fla.

ADAM, via Lethar A., does agree and hopes you make a million, one way or another.

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## ON A LIMB

Well over a year ago (vol 1, no 8) you ran a number of letters to the editor requesting that you run pictures of nude men. Your answer to one of them was, "Don't worry, girls. Old ADAM has no intention of letting you down." What happened? We're still waiting. I thought by my letter I'd remind the Sir. My husband and many others in the neighborhood read ADAM, and I know that us wives are in back of the drive for pictures of male nudes in your magazine. We'd like to be able to see men in other poses than the ones we see in health magazines. We want something that will give our imaginations a chance to work, and we thank ADAM in the answer. Why let the men have all the enjoyment? Let us in on the fun.

Mrs. T. C.  
Providence, R. I.

Sometimes, girls look so much more attractive, but didn't you see our last issue?

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## SLAMI

Quick critique on Vol 3, No 3 Page 7, full page photo of Brigitte Baum is TERRIBLE—the photographic reproduction, I mean. The same situation with pgs. 34-35, your ADAM's Eve (Freddie Robbins). This overshadowing and "white-shading" of the photos may be discreet on your part, but it continues to let down a lot of your readers. The photos of Deane Craig, pgs. 42-43 are uninsignative, unrevealing and completely underdone. The "kick" and "excitement" of your stories are no more. They ended with the Vol 1 series, and now you're hanging on—just hanging on, believe me!

Fletcher Lane  
Washington, D.C.

And, now, are those old fingers sore?

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## KEN TO OPE

In vol 3, no 7, you listed a Mrs. Opal W Davis of Ferndale, Arkansas, who has a collection of past issues of ADAM she wants to sell. I would like very much to get in touch with her. Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Kenneth F. Walker  
Graham, N. C.

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## AT ANY NEWSSTAND

Would you please let me know if I could purchase a single issue of your magazine?

Joseph Anthony Pascarella  
Hamden, Conn.

Please do!

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## SORRY, BUT...

I will appreciate it if you will forward to me the address of Roxanne Logan (ADAM, vol 2, no 12). Should you be unable to do so, please advise me how this could be obtained.

B. A. Vinagh  
1st Lt, Inf  
Fort Jackson, S. C.

Sorry, Sir, but ADAM does not give out addresses.

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Next issue, an exclusive pictureview with voluptuous starlet Sandra Edwards

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